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ANGLO-GREEK FORCES CHECK NEW ASSAULTS

Brilliant Defence Follows Strategic Allied Withdrawal

AFTER WITHDRAWING TO A SHORTER LINE OF DEFENCE THE GREEK AND BRITISH FORCES IN NORTHERN GREECE HAVE CHECKED A NEW GERMAN EFFORT TO SMASH THROUGH TO THE PLAIN OF THESSALY. THE WITHDRAWAL, SAYS A BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE, WAS MADE IN THE FACE OF "INCREASING GERMAN PRESSURE."

The German Command is pouring reinforcements into Greece from Yugoslavia and is battering at three strategic passes, two of which are held by British troops.

The battle, according to a Greek Press Ministry bulletin last night, continues with great violence all round the 150-mile front.

Fighting has been particularly heavy on the right of the Allied line, where British troops holding Sarondoperon Pass have thrown back vicious attacks by tanks and infantry.

Violent but unsuccessful assaults were also made in a pass south of Mount Olympus which is defended by Australians. Here the Germans are said to have flung in ten divisions.

On the left flank of the Imperial forces north of Ka'abaka, which lies in the centre of the Allied line, the Greeks are being hard pressed.

In the face of increasing pressure by the German forces, which daily are being reinforced, the Greek and Imperial forces on the Greek northern front are gradually withdrawing to a shorter line of defence.

Costly Advance

This was announced in a Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday. It was added that so far the German advance in this area has been a costly one.

Athens radio said last night that the British forces defending Sarondoperon Pass have thrown back powerful German infantry and tank attacks.

The battle here is described as particularly fierce and bloody.

All attacks by ten German divisions against the Australians at another pass south of Mount Olympus failed.

Fighting continues with great violence on the whole front in northern Greece, the announcer continued.

Break Through Fails

Further west, strong German mechanised forces are battering against the Greek lines north of Kalainbatta but "the oncoming tide has been stemmed."

The enemy's effort to break through to his main objective, the Plain of Thessaly, has so far failed despite his use of tremendous forces, but the situation is described as "serious."

The Germans are ceaselessly sending reinforcements through Yugoslavia. Reuter.

A Hard Year In Germany

"A hard year of struggle is ahead of us," says Hitler in an appeal to the German people in connection with Red Cross relief work.

"This struggle of the German people for their political freedom, economic future and assurance of existence will go down to history as an event as great as it is memorable.

"An historic decision of the greatest importance will be made." —Reuter.

FIGHTING AT CLOSE QUARTERS IN LIBYA

Yesterday's Cairo communique declared that in Libya, British patrols have been active in the vicinity of Tobruk and also at Sollum.

Many casualties in men and material have been inflicted on the enemy, who is experiencing the dash and determined fighting qualities of our Imperial troops in hand-to-hand encounters.

A further five officers and 72 other ranks have been captured.

In Abyssinia, after negotiating extensive demolition and other physical difficulties our troops are now in touch with the enemy 14 miles south of Dessie, one of the remaining strongholds in Italian East Africa.

South and south-east of Addis Ababa and north from Neghelli the advance of our troops is also making satisfactory progress. Many more prisoners have been captured.—Reuter

KWANGSI AND H.K. ORDINANCE

The Kwangsi branch of the International Peace Campaign has sent a telegram to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs asking that further negotiation be conducted with the British Government for the abrogation of the Immigration Ordinance in Hong Kong.

Telegrams have also been addressed by the Kwangsi branch to the I.P.C branches in other places in China and the Chinese people's Foreign Relations Association in Chungking that they submit similar petitions to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also wire to Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, and the Hong Kong Government to abolish immigration in Hong Kong and resume free entry and exit by Chinese.—Central News.

SERIOUS EIRE FOOD SHORTAGE

PRESENT STOCKS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR IN EIRE ARE ONLY SUFFICIENT TO LAST A FEW MONTHS.

This was officially announced in Dublin yesterday with an instruction that the police will rigidly enforce the prohibition of the use of such food for livestock, which is described as a crime against the community punishable with heavy penalties.—Reuter.

GREEK PREMIER DEAD

Athens radio last night announced the death of the Greek Prime Minister, Dr. Koritsis.

Dr. Koritsis is the second Greek Premier to die since Greece entered the war His predecessor, General Metaxas, died at the height of the Albanian campaign. —Reuter.

Bombing From 50 Feet

A SUPPLY SHIP OF 7,000 TONS WAS BURNING FIERCELY AND LEFT SINKING BY THE STERN AND ANOTHER OF 3,000 TONS WAS LEFT SINKING RAPIDLY AFTER ATTACKS BY BRITISH BOMBERS OFF THE NORWEGIAN COAST YESTERDAY.

One ship was attacked from a height of only 50 feet and four heavy bombs hit it amidships. —Reuter.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN GREECE

BRITISH FIGHTER AND BOMBER AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND FORCES, STATED A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN GREECE.

Enemy communications were bombed continuously and a number of reconnaissances were carried out by British fighters.

All our planes returned safely. —Reuter.

3 DOWNED IN NIGHT ATTACK

IT IS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT THREE ENEMY BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED LAST THURSDAY NIGHT OVER BRITAIN.

Two were shot down by A.A. gunfire in the attack on Portsmouth.

There was very little enemy activity in daylight over Britain yesterday and no reports of bombs dropped anywhere.—Reuter.

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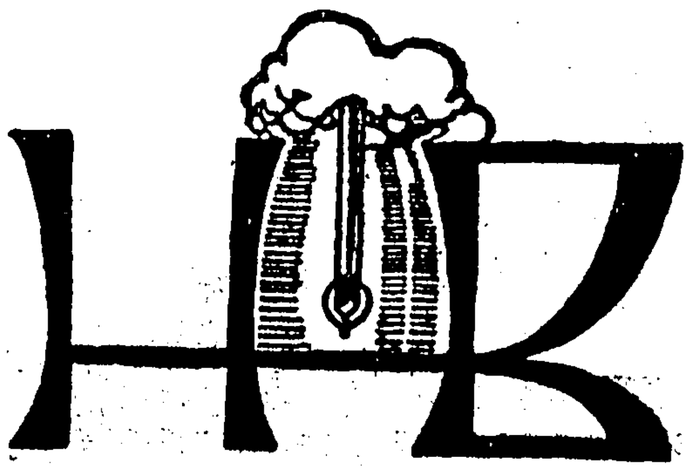

—AND *THEN* TRY!

Mr. Churchill Threatens To Order R.A.F. Reprisal Raids If Athens Or Cairo Are Bombed

"IN VIEW OF GERMAN THREATS TO BOMB ATHENS AND CAIRO, HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WISHES IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT IF EITHER OF THESE TWO CITIES IS MOLESTED, THEY WILL COMMENCE A SYSTEMATIC BOMBING OF ROME," SAYS A STATEMENT ISSUED FROM 10 DOWNING STREET LAST NIGHT.

The statement continues that once this bombing of Rome was started, "it will continue to the end of the war. The greatest care will be taken not to bomb Vatican City and very strict orders to that effect have been issued.

"It has, however, come to the knowledge of His Majesty's Government and an Italian squadron is being held ready in Rome to drop captured British bombs upon Vatican City, should a British raid take place.

"It is therefore necessary to expose this characteristic trick beforehand.

"It is a mistake to describe the bombing of Berlin last night by the R.A.F. as a reprisal for the raid on London the night before. It was not a reprisal but part of the regular policy adopted by the R.A.F. under the instructions of His Majesty's Government for bombing objectives in the two guilty countries which are likely to weaken their military and industrial capacity.

"This policy will be continued to the end of the war, it is hoped, on an ever increasing scale irrespective of whether any further attacks are made on the British Isles or not."

Demand For Reprisals

Although no previous official warning has been given that Rome would be bombed if Athens were bombed, nevertheless the impression grew up in people's minds that if Athens were attacked, then reprisals would be carried out over Rome.

Early this week it was stated that the Pope had addressed a formal appeal to the Yugoslav Government to spare Rome from bombing.

A DEMAND FOR BOMBING ROME HAS BEEN VOICED IN MANY QUARTERS, INCLUDING THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

When asked whether Rome had at any time been attacked by the R.A.F. and whether there were any objectives of military importance that would justify such an attack, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, replied that the answer to the first part of the question was in the negative and the second part in the affirmative.

Further asked if the close proximity of Vatican City had any bearing on the avoidance of such an attack from the air, Sir Archibald said "I cannot be expected to discuss this question in the House."—Reuter.

MOVE TO HALT U.S. DEFENCE TIE-UPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Congress Naval Affairs Committee is determined to move to halt defence production tie ups.

The Committee has approved a Bill to compel mediation in labour disputes in war industries during a 25-day "cooling-off" period before any strike or lock out can be called International News Service.

JUDGE CRITICISED BY APPEAL COURT

A judge who did not pay attention to a jury's recommendation to mercy was criticised by Mr. Justice Humphreys, in the Court of Criminal Appeal, when a sentence of five years' penal servitude passed at Manchester on Angello Minchella, sixty-two, for manslaughter, was reduced to one of three years' penal servitude.

At the invitation of the Judge, said Mr. Justice Humphreys, the jury had added to their verdict a recommendation to mercy. The Judge, forgetting that the accused had not been convicted of murder, said that the recommendation would be forwarded to the Home Secretary.

That was not the proper course in a case in which it was for the Judge to decide on the proper sentence.

NAZI BOMBER DOWN IN EIRE WATERS

A German bomber alighted on the sea near Schull, in County Cork, inside Eire territorial waters, yesterday and subsequently sank.

The crew of six came ashore and were interned. Reuter.

CHANGSHA GETS A BIG RAID

FORMATIONS OF JAPANESE NAVAL AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON SUBJECTED CHANGSHA, IMPORTANT CHINESE COMMUNICATION CENTRE, TO HEAVY BOMBING AND INFLICTED HEAVY DAMAGE, ANNOUNCES THE PRESS SECTION OF THE JAPANESE FLEET IN CENTRAL CHINA.

According to the announcement, Japanese naval 'planes concentrated their attacks on important military establishments in the outskirts of Changsha, which burst into flames after receiving a direct hit.

All 'planes returned to base safely, it was added. Reuter.

NO EVACUATION OF BRITONS IN TURKEY

Only British refugees from the Baltic States and more recent arrivals from the Balkans have been evacuated from Turkey.

Some may have left of their own accord but no general order or advice on evacuation has been issued by the British Embassy and none have been moved at Government's expense under the Turkish partial evacuation.—Reuter.

MINERS BECOME SEAMEN

"Man the lifeboat, Browns!" comes the shout around the little Northumberland village of Cresswell. And practically every one in the village rushes down to the lifeboat house.

Out comes the boat pulled by dozens of sturdy men and women. Lifebelts are fastened on to the crew by other women and then the boat pushes off.

Shouts of good luck come from the people on the shore, and all shout the same name—"Brown."

For not only is the entire boat crew of thirteen named Brown, but so is practically the entire population of the village.

Years ago Cresswell was a thriving fishing village, and men plied the craft to which they had been bred a d born.

But modern fishing methods spe't the doom of the fisher folk. Forced to seek a livelinood elsewhere from the sea they loved so well, they were left with only one alternative – to go down the pit.

From Pit To Sea

So the fisher folk took to pick and shovel. But they could not get away from the sea. Down the pit they went to work under the sea itself.

Miners or not, they de. rmined to keep the tradition—the Browns must still rescue helpless mariners.

At times, as they are blackened with coal dust, tired and sweaty from their shifts down the pit, the call comes for the boat to put to sea.

The Browns down their tools, dash to the boat-house, and there, with the help of other Browns, don their oilskins.

Meanwhile, the boat is being hauled from the shed by more of the Browns, and finally, when the boat is ready, the remainder of the women once again all Browns, fasten lifebelts on the crew.

Longest members of the lifeboat are Second Cox J. Brown, and Bowman Andrew Brown, both with forty-five years' service.

"Altogether there are three sets of father and son serving in the boat," Addison Brown told a reporter. "But we are all related in some way."

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VICHY TO LEAVE THE LEAGUE

THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, ACCORDING TO TOULOUSE RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The announcer added that Admiral Darlan had informed the Secretary-General of the League to this effect. — Reuter.

H.K. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Lieut. J. P. Gunner relinquished his appointment as Honorary Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the Governor.

Comdr. W. H. L. Harrison to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the Governor.

Mr. J. P. Pennefather Evans to be Commissioner of Police.

Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans to be Chief Security Officer.

Major R. D. Walker to be Lieut.-Colonel in the H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. D. P. Ross to be Acting-Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

U.S. SUGGESTING NAVAL LANE TO PROTECT SHIPS

A LANE OF DESTROYERS across the Atlantic, in an effort to thwart German threats to vital war supplies from America, and the abandoning of the convoy system, is the advice of some American experts, according to reports in New York shipping sources yesterday.

American shipping experts are understood to have told the British that the convoy system would have to be revised if the steadily mounting toll of shipping losses was to be cut down.

In broad outline the new plan would call for constant patrol by some 50 destroyers along 2,000 miles of the Great Circle route from Labrador to the British Isles.

They would be rotated in duty, so that 40 would always be on watch while 10 would either be in port refuelling or en route to their posts for a fortnight's work.

Adequate Protection

Each destroyer would patrol a 50-mile sector of the Atlantic 10 times a day establishing a lane across the Atlantic every inch of which would be policed by a warship every two or three hours.

At no time would a destroyer be more than an hour's distance from any merchantman in the lane.

Advocates of the new plan declare it would mean adequate protection since they believe that few, if any, German raiders would be able to penetrate a lane so constantly patrolled.

In addition British merchantmen would be able to sail as soon as loaded and could race back and forth across the Atlantic at maximum speed.—Reuter.

Library, Supreme Court

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BOMBED

Famous London Buildings Destroyed In Nazi Blitz

PEER KILLED IN LONDON AIR BLITZ

The Earl of Kimberley was killed during Wednesday's raid on London, it was revealed yesterday.

As Lord Wodehouse he was one of Britain's best polo players and played against the United States in the Westchester Cup series. He was 57 years old.—Reuter.

TRAGEDY OF ONLY GIRL

Centring their lives on their only daughter, a lamplighter and his wife stinted themselves to give the girl a good education, a good start in life.

The years of sacrifice went by, but they were happy years, because their daughter did extraordinarily well. Her success continued. She reached the age of twenty-four.

Then tragedy fell on her parents, wrecking their life's work. The girl became insane. She was taken away to a mental institution.

From that time the lamplighter and his wife shunned other people. They became morose. More years passed, and their daughter remained in the institution.

For as this story of sacrifice was told at Manchester, the husband — sixty-six-year-old Thomas Hilton—stood in the dock accused of killing his wife Mary and attempting suicide.

Thomas and Mary Hilton had been married thirty-seven years.

Dread Of Hospital

Said Mr. H. C. Riches, prosecuting solicitor: "In their one daughter, perhaps, lies the beginning of this tragedy . . . She remains in the mental institution."

He said that last year Mrs. Hilton fell ill with heart trouble.

"For some time her husband had little or no rest," said Mr. Riches.

"Both Hilton and his wife had a dread of hospital and when an ambulance was sent to take Mrs. Hilton to hospital the house was locked and apparently no one was there.

"The doctor who had advised Mrs. Hilton's removal to hospital later saw the husband, who, it is alleged, said: 'I killed her at six o'clock this morning and tried to cut my own throat, but was not able to go on with it. It was a love pact.'"

Mr. Riches said that Hilton, in a statement to a police inspector, said: "We both thought we would like to get out of it."

GERMAN TRIBUTE TO BRITISH

Describing the fighting on the Greek front a German officer yesterday spoke of the "accurate and deadly firing of the English" and of "vigorous counter-attacks by heavy British tanks," states the German radio quoted by Reuter.

CITY TEMPLE AND MAPLE'S BURNT OUT

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL HAS AGAIN BEEN BOMBED, THE CITY TEMPLE — THE FAMOUS FREE CHURCH — HAS BEEN GUTTED BY FIRE, AND GUY'S HOSPITAL AND THE WORLDWIDE KNOWN DEPARTMENT STORES OF SELFRIDGE'S AND MAPLE'S ARE AMONG LONDON BUILDINGS WHICH, IT CAN NOW BE REVEALED, HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN RECENT AIR RAIDS.

A bomb which scarred St. Paul's fell in the north transept, where it hurled tons of masonry into a fantastic pile of broken columns and stonework.

Another bomb fell in a nearby street and the blast swept round the Cathedral. Almost every pane of glass — some dating back to the time of Sir Christopher Wren, who built the Cathedral — have been blown out.

Most of the fabric was unharmed but the north transept wall is pitted with deep holes. The great dome and the whispering gallery are not affected.

Guy's Fire

The Cathedral, already decorated by a bomb which damaged the High Altar, has had to be closed to visitors and may remain so for a considerable time.

Chelsea Old Church, scene of many fashionable weddings, which contains the tomb of Sir Thomas More and many ancient monuments, suffered a direct hit and is now in ruins.

Showers of fire bombs fell on Guy's Hospital.

While those threatening the occupied blocks were being smothered, others fell on an unoccupied three-storied wing, 100 feet long, which was gutted.

Oldest Pensioner Killed

Chelsea Royal Hospital — historic London home for military pensioners — was severely damaged by a bomb and among the 13 killed was the oldest pensioner, who was 101.

Only the walls of the City Temple, which is the only English Free Church in the City of London, remain standing. The interior is a mass of charred wood.

Maple's was burned out and Selfridge's also damaged by fire, but trading continues on the lower floors.

Christie's, the world-famous auction rooms, also suffered damage in a recent raid. — Reuter.

ONE LEG, GOT BACK TO ARMY

A man with a wooden leg and another who was blind wanted to get back into the Army as Pioneers. They were "old sweats" and knew a thing or two. And they did get into the Army. This is how.

A man went to the recruiting office gave the name of a man with an artificial leg. The sound man was examined and passed as fit.

P.T. Gave Him Away

He walked out with his papers and travelling warrant, went to a pub round the corner handed over the papers to the man with the artificial leg and was rewarded with 10s.

The trick was not discovered until the man with the artificial leg had his first physical jerks.

The same method applied to the blind man.

The story was told by the Minister of Pensions in the House of Commons. He was replying to suggestions that pensioners of the last great war should be paid more. He said that all such questions must wait until the end of this war.

BERLIN GETS WORST RAID

MORE BOMBERS, CARRYING MORE BOMBS THAN EVER BEFORE, WENT TO BERLIN ON THURSDAY NIGHT, AND WHEN ONE OF THE LAST AIRCRAFT OF THE BOMBER COMMAND TURNED FOR HOME THE CITY WAS CHEQUERED WITH FIRES, FOR THE MOST PART IN THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL, STATES THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The weather was difficult and the R.A.F. bombers had a hard journey of over 1,200 miles there and back. Nor was it easy to see from above what each bomb had done.

But bombs were dropped by the light of flares while all the defences of the German capital were working at full strength. Many more bombs, both high explosive and incendiary, were dropped than in the previous raid when the German communique admitted very heavy damage to the capital.

The bombers flew high on top of the bad weather. Three times one bomber crossed the path of prowling Messerschmidts. The rear-gunner trained his sights towards the enemy's headlights but not once did the fighters attack.

Clouds Break

It grew intensely cold, ice forming on the R.A.F. aircraft, and the crew could hear it crackling faintly, even above the roar of the engines.

As they came over enemy country the clouds began to break and here and there a landmark could be seen.

The long procession of bombers still had many miles to go and many towns to pass, each marked by its pyramid of searchlights or cluster of shell bursts in the sky.

Over Berlin they had to work their way through the defences on an uneven course, then straighten and fly steadily for bombing or a practice run.

The bombs went down, and as our aircraft turned for home the crews watched the fires increasing, eventually to be lost in the distance.—Reuter.

BABY SAVED--- IN MID-AIR

When Michael, sixteen-month-old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacIntyre, grows up he will be told how he lay in a piece of his cot clamped in mid-air between two heavy rafters that alone stood out from the wreckage of what was his home.

Michael was sleeping in an upper room. His cot was cut in half. Part of it fell and was crashed to bits under crashing walls.

The other part, with the baby boy in it, was flung upwards and was caught by the rafters, firmly yet gently held as though caught in a pair of chopsticks. The roof had been torn off.

Hours later, a chance-heard whimper led his father to complete this miracle. Here is the father's story:

Felt It Hopeless

"I was walking toward my house when the bomb crashed. The blast tossed me like a leaf through the front room window of a house—and then pulled me out again. Unhurt, I ran to my own house and found it a pile of bricks and woodwork.

"I found my wife in the debris and handed her to a stretcher party. Then I looked for my baby.

"I felt it was hopeless. He must have been crushed to death beneath that mound of bricks. But I searched for hours.

"I could not find him and went away. But I had to go back, tearing with bare hands at the rubble.

"And then I heard a small cry. It came from above me! I thought I was going mad. I heard it again—a whimper like a child gives when it is uncomfortable.

"I called to men of a rescue squad that my child was up there . . . somewhere in the sky. They must have thought I was mad.

"But I got a ladder, balanced it shakily on the debris and up against the two rafters. I climbed up, and there I found Michael.

"He was unhurt.

"You can imagine how I felt when, going to my wife in hospital, I could say 'Baby is safe.'"

VICTORY ASSURED IN A YEAR

That victory, perhaps in another year or 18 months, is assured, was the view expressed by General Smuts, South African Premier, in a speech at Capetown yesterday.

A section of South Africans was lagging behind the war effort because they were outpaced by the country's developments but they would be there in the end, he believed.

A great job had been done in record time in the development of South Africa it could not be the same country again. Reuter.

MENDED 18 BIKES WITH REMAINS OF TWO

From two hopelessly smashed motor-cycles, enough spare parts were salvaged to put eighteen partly damaged motor-cycles back into running condition.

This was one of the recent achievements of the Ministry of Supply, which is developing salvage to a fine art.

Spare parts are often difficult to get. They are expensive, and to make new ones uses up raw material and labour which could be better employed, besides wasting time.

So the Ministry of Supply established their own salvage depots. The stockyards of Chicago boast of using everything of a pig except the squeal. The salvage authorities use everything of a smashed car, even its hooter.

HOTEL WALK-OUT SETTLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MANAGER, THE CATHAY HOTEL STRIKE IN SHANGHAI WAS SETTLED YESTERDAY.

While terms of the agreement are not revealed, the workers originally asked for a 100 per cent pay increase plus a high cost of living allowance.

Meanwhile the labour situation in Shanghai remains critical.—International New Service.

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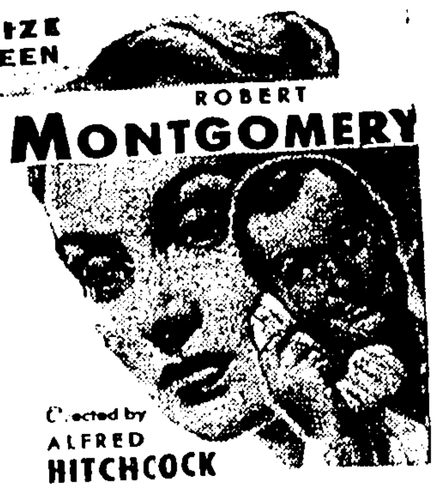

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HERO OF HOME-MADE TIN HAT

He's a temporary porter on the L.M.S. railway. Lord Stamp, chairman of the company, told his story in a message to the staff.

The Nazis had dropped fire bombs on the station.

An official saw the porter running towards him with something in his hands.

"Here are the bombs, guvnor," he shouted . . . .

"I've put 'em out with my home-made tin hat."

The porter's only concern was that his ruined tin hat should be replaced.

Sheffield Heroine

A nurse is the heroine of this story.

The raid on Sheffield was at its height, a first-aid post was being dive-bombed and machine-gunned.

The order was given to the staff: Go to shelter.

But the nurse, instead, went from cot to cot and stretcher to stretcher.

She sang cheerful songs as she tended the patients and gave them water.

Said Councillor W. Asbury, Chairman of the City's Emergency Committee, in a report: "Her courage and coolness were outstanding in maintaining the morale of the injured."

Rover Scouts Decorted

Two Rover Scouts who tunnelled into a bombed house to rescue a trapped man have each been awarded the Boy Scouts' Association Gilt Cross for Gallantry.

They are Norman S. Petts and John W. Livesy, of Middlesex.

Hearing cries from the debris, Petts and Livesy immediately began to tunnel with their hands towards the voice.

They crawled inside supporting wreckage with broken timbers and began to hollow out the debris beneath the injured man.

"The work had to be carried out in a prone position, and escaping gas added to the danger of a very difficult rescue," states the Boy Scouts' Association News Bulletin.

REPAIR WORKS IN BLITZ

An important move to speed up the repair of bombed factories, which will bring engineers and surveyors on the spot while the raid is still on is announced by the Minister of Works and Buildings.

He has appointed a Director of Emergency Reconstruction, within the building priority department, and permanent area officers throughout the country are to work with the Minister of Aircraft Production and local reconstruction panels.

The objective of the director will be to concentrate on the repair of vital factories and buildings with the greatest possible speed, so that war production may suffer as little as possible.

Thus engineers and surveyors will be on the spot possibly before the "blitz" is over; materials rushed in to whatever extent may be necessary; and local interests fully co-ordinated.

The new director is Major-General Kenelm Charles Appleyard, who is associated with a number of mechanical engineering, mining and civil engineering concerns in this and other countries. He is forty-six.

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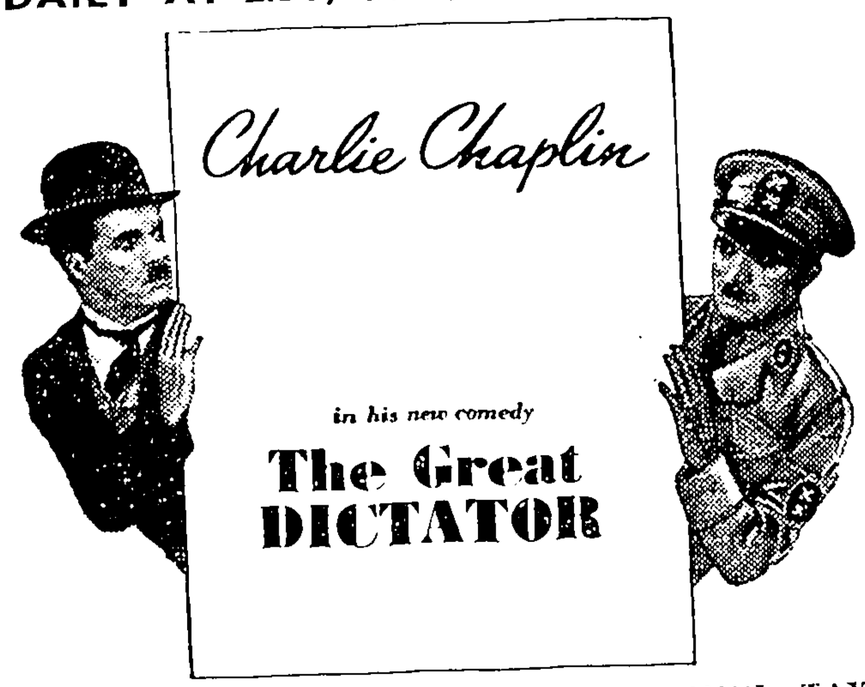

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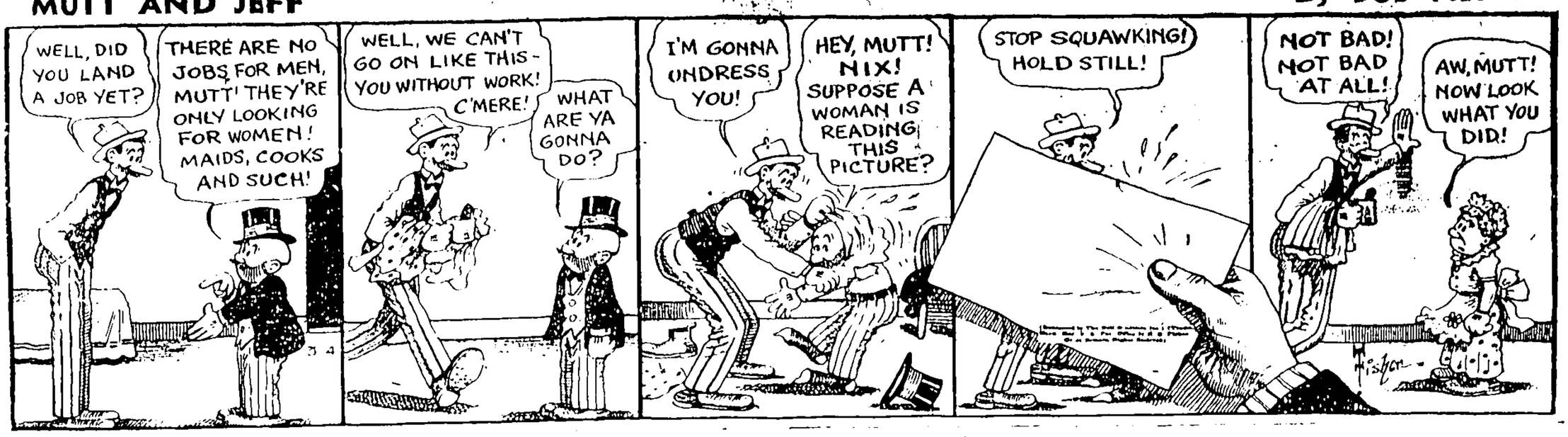
By BUD FISHER



REDCAPS RAID SHELTERS FOR SHIRKERS

POLICE AND military authorities are now making frequent searches of the tubes and other shelters for men trying to evade military service.

Deserters from the Services are also using the shelters as a hideout. A raid by the military police, led by a provost-marshal recently, meant the discovery of eight deserters. Some had shed their uniforms, and were hiding away in civilian clothes.

It is possible, in future, that all young men using the air-ground shelters will be asked to produce their military registration cards.

Coloured Cuthberts

One man who was found to be aiding deserters in the shelters has already been dealt with by the police. He was fined £5.

Among the Cuthberts seeking the shelters to hide in and avoid military service are a number of coloured men from British overseas territory.

The raid on a tube was described by an eye-witness as "like Hitler's nearly midnight when an air-raid with half a dozen NCOs of the Military Police came into the shelter. They spoke to a number of young men.

"In one case they recognised a particular man as being an alleged deserter from the Army. Every young man who could not give a satisfactory answer was asked to produce his military registration card. In the end they escorted away quite a number of young men."

Some men are avoiding the call-up for medical examination. It is also being found that a number of men have given fake addresses when they registered for military service. They cannot be traced when medical and call-up notices are delivered.

LEAPED AS TRAIN CRASHED

Passengers, looking out of the carriage windows of a stationary express near Brentwood, Essex, saw a train speeding along the rails at the rear of their train.

Nothing could save a collision realised the passengers and, flinging open the carriage doors, they leapt on to the embankment and to safety.

But not all the passengers were so fortunate. When the collision happened, six passengers, two of them women, were killed and twenty one people, including the driver and fireman of the moving train, and the guard of the express, were injured.

The trains involved were the 10.40 a.m. to Southend-on-Sea and the 10.00 from Liverpool Street to Norwich.

The Southend train ran into the rear of the express at about 10.50 a.m. between Harold Wood and Brentwood, stated the L.N.E.R.

The splintered wood of a telescoped carriage was set alight by fire from the engine of the Southend train.

Carrying a bucket of water, a sailor passenger climbed up the side of the blazing carriage.

With the aid of officials, who brought extinguishers from the train, the sailor put out the fire and so stopped a widespread blaze.

The clothes of a woman caught fire, but a fellow passenger smothered the flames with his overcoat.

"Never Mind Me"

Sailors, soldiers and airmen, who were on the train, used axes to break away parts of the wreckage in order to free passengers.

Women from houses close to the scene of the accident tore up blankets and sheets which were used for bandages.

Waiters on the express train made and served tea to the injured.

Mrs. Rudd, who helped to take blankets to the injured people, found that her son was a passenger on one of the trains and was unhurt. He had been thrown underneath the seat of a compartment by the force of the collision.

"Three soldiers helped to get the guard free from the wreckage," the son, Mr. M. G. Rudd, said.

"The soldiers first went to the driver of the Southend train, but, with blood streaming from his face, he refused help, saying, 'Never mind about me, look after the others.'"

Doctors, nurses and ambulances were rushed from Brentwood, and A.R.P. workers helped to attend to the injured.

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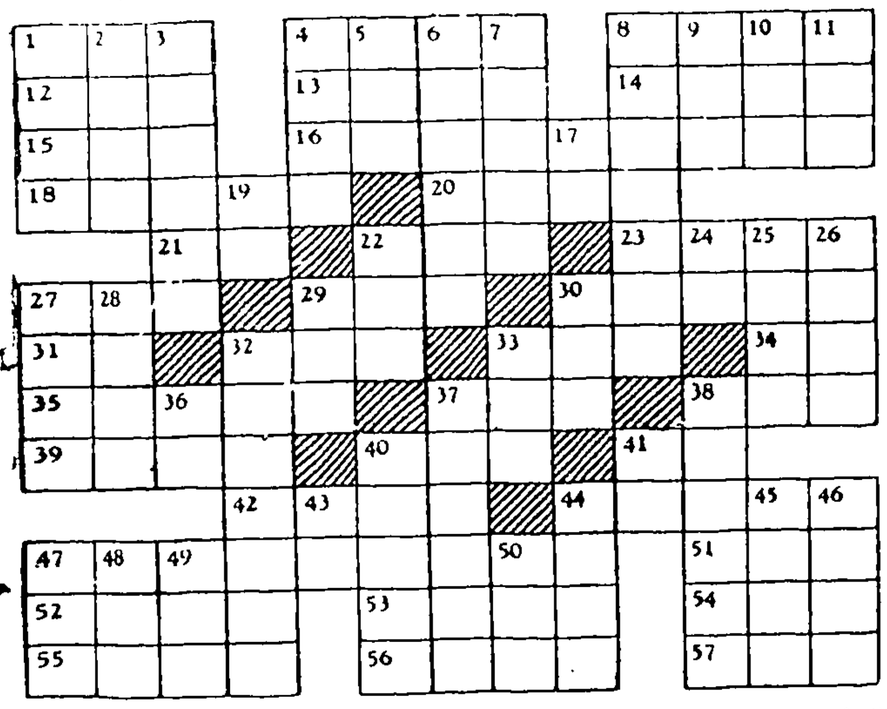

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4 Strongbox
8 To encounter
12 Man's name
13 Chief Norse god
14 The killer whale
15 Posed
16 Riddle
18 Brook
20 Great Lake
21 Sun god
22 Peer Gynt's mother
23 Heavenly body
27 To reimburse
29 Newt
30 Rock
31 Symbol for gold
32 Music: high
33 Plaything
34 Symbol for sodium
35 Fissure
37 To intimidate
38 Scarlet
39 Soapstone
40 Barrier
41 Pronoun
42 Preposition
44 Lock
47 Convert
51 Wing
52 To interpret
53 Diving bird
54 Groove
55 Belgian river
56 Dark
57 River in England

VERTICAL

1 Numbered plate
2 Sandarac tree
3 Soggy
4 Leg-covering
5 Flurry
6 Worthiest
7 To come into operation
8 Unpretentiousness
9 To be mistaken
10 French coin
11 Scotch cap
17 Symbol for nickel
19 Babylonian deity
22 Toward the stern
24 Preposition
25 English queen
26 Perused
27 Treaty
28 Emanation
29 Large deer
30 Pig
32 One who charges with an offence
33 Male cat
36 Mulberry
37 Deep valley
38 To hinder
40 Child's puppets
41 Colloquial: mother
43 Hebrew letter
44 Smooth
45 Hint
46 To despise
47 To peer curiously
48 Law: things
49 Lyric poem
50 Digit

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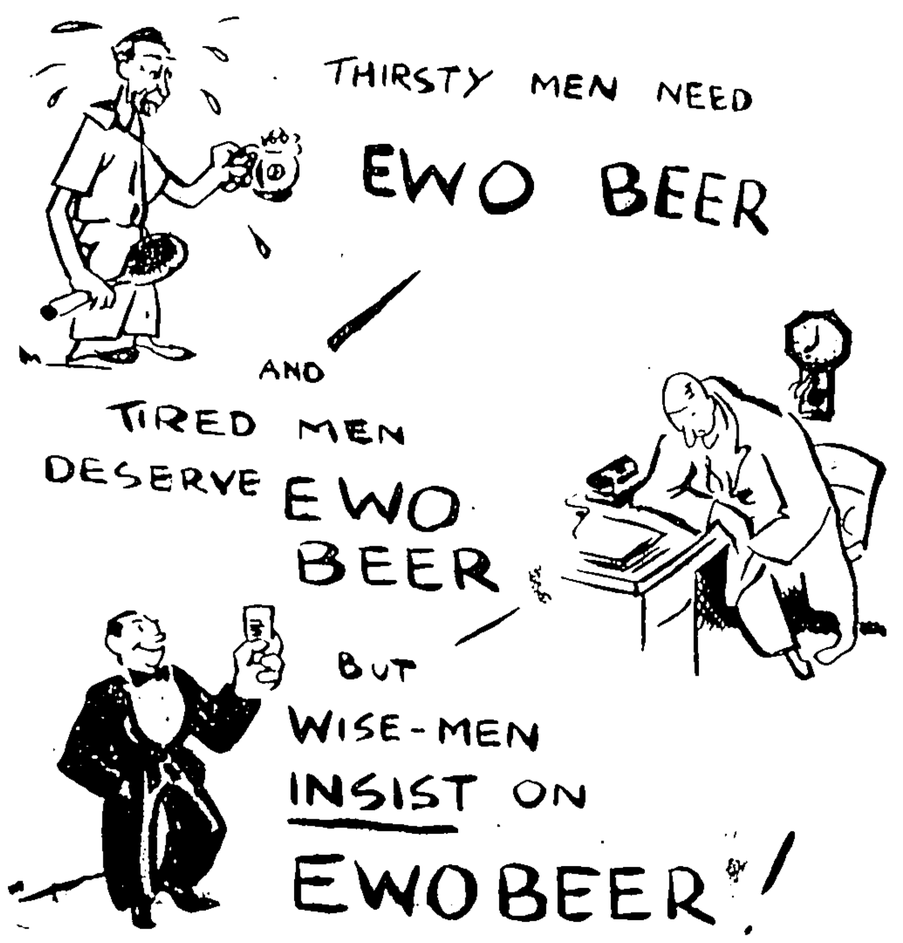

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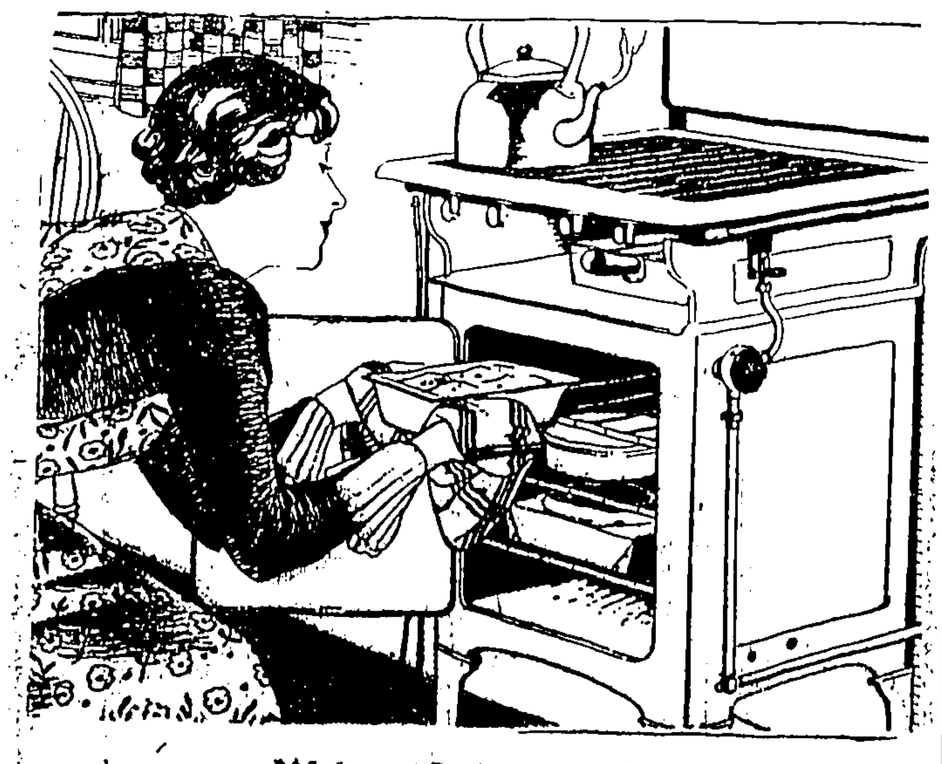

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MOST JAPANESE AGREE PRIVATELY THAT

AXIS TREATY IS AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE

(This is the fourth of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

MOST JAPANESE WILL AGREE PRIVATELY THAT THE TRIPARTITE PACT IS AN "UNHOLY ALLIANCE." PUBLICLY, NO EXPRESSION OF DISSATISFACTION IS TOLERATED, BECAUSE THE EMPEROR—IN NAME, AT LEAST—HAS COMMANDED THE SUPPORT OF HIS SUBJECTS.

The extent of Japan's future cooperation with Axis strategy will be decided after Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka returns from Berlin with reports of his European junket. The decision will be based entirely upon stern reality — the chances of a convincing German-Italian victory and the prospects that Japan will be allowed a "just" and permanent share of the spoils.

Despite their emotional outbursts in print, Japanese leaders are realists. They entered the Axis with utilitarian motives, and they intend to make sure of the probable profit and loss before they play ball too hard.

The idea that the three nations "have a heaven-sent mission to bring a new order to the world" is merely fluff for the people. It is part of an elaborate campaign to convince the public that the tripartite pact is of great benefit to Japan — a campaign that so far has had very little success.

For one thing, no responsible Japanese can promise any tangible benefit as Japan's share of the Axis. Naturally, officials do not dare to admit that Berlin applied pressure to Vichy for an amicable settlement of the various Japanese sponsored conferences involving French Indo-China. And they have no intention of acknowledging the high command's hopes for German cooperation in quieting Soviet Russia, to give Japan more peace of mind while playing around with the southlands. So far, the latter is only hope.

Unsatisfactory Attitude

Shortly after the tripartite pact was signed, Matsuoka held a press interview for foreign correspondents. He was asked what benefits Japan expected from the pact. His answer:

"Well, it has served to clarify our policies."

That attitude is hardly sufficient to satisfy the overburdened people who never have been very enthusiastic about the pact.

That is one reason why hundreds jammed the Tokyo station to shout "banzai!" when the foreign minister left for his European trip. They hoped that he would bring back tangible evidence that the Axis partners were ready to give some assurance they would support actively Japan's southward programme. They also expected some sort of an agreement with Soviet Russia.

Whatever the purpose of Matsuoka's trip — and there are many versions — one thing was clear beforehand: Germany was becoming more and more impatient with Japan's reluctance to openly challenge Great Britain and the United States. From Berlin's viewpoint, Japan's major value to the Axis was to divert the democracies in the Far East. The canny Japanese have been too cautious to suit der fuehrer.

Bad Faith

Sooner or later, the details of the Berlin interview will be fairly clear. Now, it can be assumed that Hitler attempted to play upon Matsuoka's vanity by pointing out his historical mission and the "greatness" of his people. A great public show of Axis solidarity was given. Matsuoka was royally received, and dutiful people waved Japanese flags at him as he left each capital.

But vain as he is, Matsuoka sought something more. He wanted to know how strong was the Axis position as a unit: he had to estimate the probabilities of a quick totalitarian victory and explore the Tokyo belief that Italy is a huge "Achilles heel." He wanted to know how much assurance Hitler could give him that Russia would ignore the beautiful opportunity for revenge that would appear if Japan pushed southward.

Presumably, he broached another embarrassing question: When will Germany and Italy recognise the Wang Ching-wei government? The people of Japan are wondering about that; it seems like bad faith to them, and the foreign minister would like some such bone to throw them.

Delicate Subject

(This is a delicate subject for both sides. German businessmen are being crowded out of north China as fast as other foreigners by greedy Japanese businessmen and their army backers. Germany wants to regain some of the China trade she lost when Japan took away her possessions in world war I. She wants some assurance of preferential rights in that area before she supports Wang publicly.)

If recent reports from London that Matsuoka refused to give rockbound assurance of immediate assistance are propaganda, they at least are logical. It is clear the foreign minister could hardly be impressed by the Yugoslavian opposition to Germany and the Italian defeat in the Mediterranean which occurred during his visit. Germany had no victories to offer him, and it is doubtful if Hitler could guarantee any Axis support, either vis-a-vis Russia or the United States, to protect the Japanese flank on a southern push.

(Even if Germany scores a quick military victory over Yugoslavia and Greece, Japan probably will not be overly impressed. In this instance a diplomatic triumph, in the Yugoslav affair, would have been more important, because Japan is playing "power politics" to the hilt and she wants more precedent to support probable success in the Far East. Each time a small nation stands up before the mailed fist, even if it is subsequently trampled, the value of power politics is correspondingly decreased.

Won't Be Fooled

(Furthermore, the majority of the Japanese will not be fooled by the Balkan campaign. They know it will require the use of valuable German troops and material which, from a totalitarian viewpoint, are being wasted; since Yuogoslavia by their logic should have "seen the light" beforehand. Second, they recognise that Nazi participation against Greece is further confirmation of Italy's weakness, which already has caused hearty laughs throughout Japan. Third, a German triumph over small Balkan nations would be to the Japanese, only a "practice game," because they recognise the odds against the defenders and they believe that Great Britain still is the major target.

(Much of the adverse reaction to the Balkan situation would be eliminated in Japan, however, if and when Nazi forces succeed in driving the British out of Greece.)

It is equally apparent that Stalin will offer no flat assurance that a non-aggression pact can either be signed or enforced in the immediate future.

The Japanese are great people to jump on and off bandwagons. They are ready now to desert the totalitarian calliope unless something dramatic occurs soon. That doesn't mean a repudiation of the pact, which is impossible because of the "face" involved; but it means they will decline, in their own stubborn way, to invite a threat to their national security merely for the sake of the pact. They will continue to pursue their own aims in southeastern Asia, but on their own time schedule.

Good Business

Simultaneously, they probably will continue to offer surreptitious assistance to the Axis, by trans-shipping all available goods and possibly by allowing the outfitting of Pacific raiders. This is good business.

There is another important angle behind the present status of the pact. Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, ambassador to the United States, already has been empowered to assure Washington that Japan will not go to war under the tripartite pact, if America "recognises Japan's true intentions." That stock rider is attached to every conciliatory move Japan makes these days. The significance lies in the fact that Japan thus admits her willingness to overthrow the pact, if it suits her to do so.

This policy is approved by the bulk of the Japanese people. One reason for the noticeable slackening of tension in Japan recently is the widespread recognition that the pact itself won't mean a Japanese-American war, despite all that has been said officially.

Aside from their doubts about its efficacy the people realise that the pact has brought under a working agreement three of the races most ill suited to each other by temperament. It is a strange situation when the traditionally proud Japanese, who successfully rescinded "unequal treaties" long before any other Asiatic race, see their modern nation overrun with supposed friends attempting to dominate them. Hundreds of German "businessmen," consular "officials" and "travellers" are spread throughout the archipelago. In a great majority of cases their attitude is arrogant and overbearing.

Gestapo In Japan

Diplomatic circles know that a Gestapo official sits in the Japanese home ministry and offers "advice" on motion pictures and domestic propaganda.

The German embassy, piqued by a story appearing in the "Japan Times and Advertiser," now controlled by the foreign office, forced the editor to accept the constant attendance of a Japanese censor to avoid a repetition of "unfavourable" articles.

Resentment, naturally, is widespread. Commuters can see it every day on inter-urban street cars on which numbers of Germans travel between Tokyo and Yokohama. In at least one instance it has flared into open violence, with a Japanese assaulting a German while crying, "you're responsible for all our troubles." There are many other instances, and the situation is steadily growing worse.

£70,750 FOR RIGHT TO FILM A PLAY

A new record price paid by a film company for a play has been established by Paramount Pictures, which have purchased the screen rights of "Lady in the Dark" for £70,750. This is a musical play by Moss Hart, Kurt Well and Ira Gershwin, in which Gertrude Lawrence stars and which is the most successful production of the present Broadway season.

The previous record of £68,750 was for "The Man Who Came to Dinner," by George Kaufman and Moss Hart. The large sum paid for "Lady in the Dark" has surprised the film world in view of Hollywood's present economy campaign. Paramount recently bought Ernest Hemingway's book "For Whom the Bell Tolls" for £37,500, the highest price ever paid for a novel.

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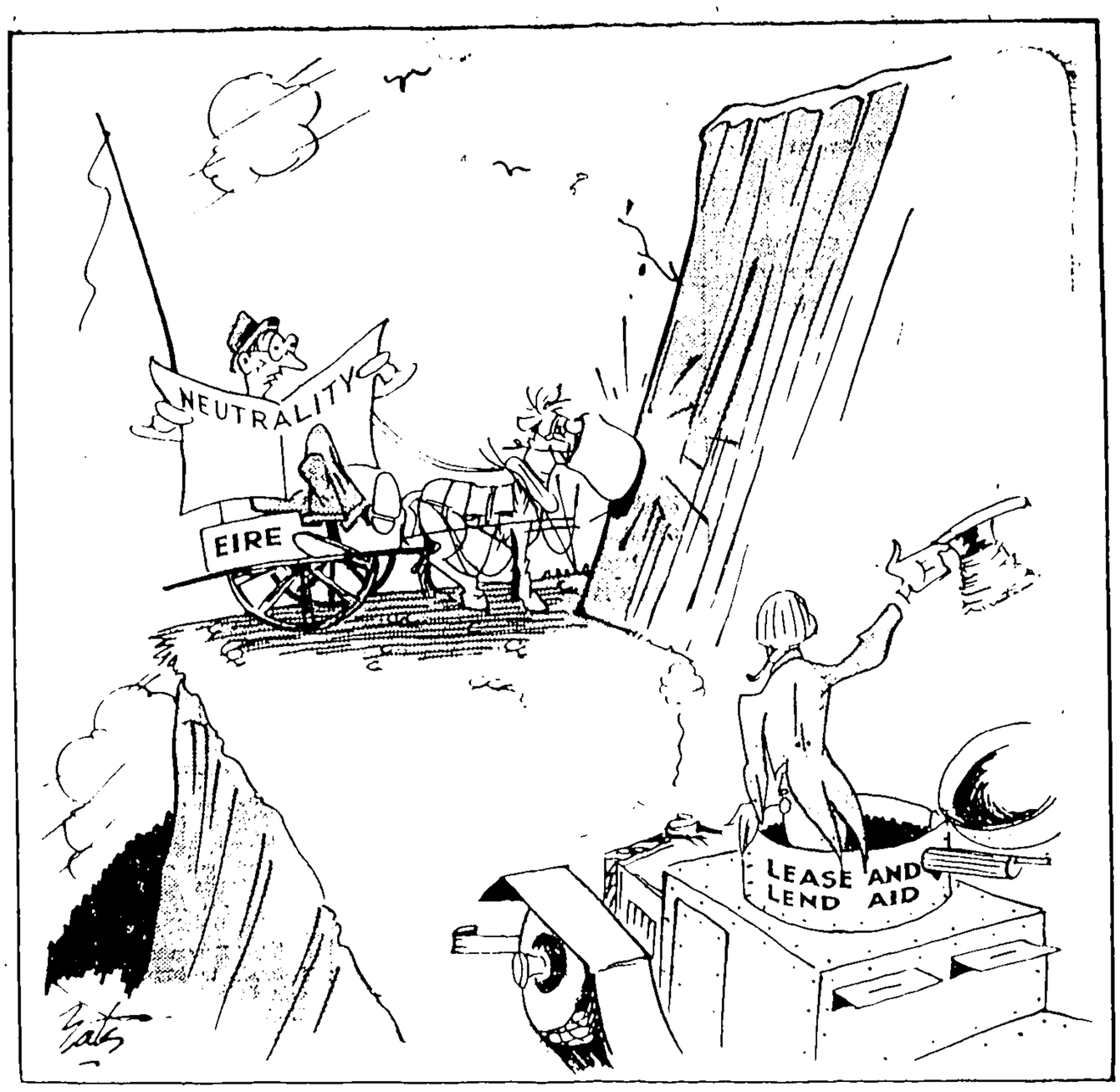
BRITAIN RETURNS

The recent arrival in Singapore of air and land forces from the British Isles, as announced by Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, is something for Asia to talk about and for all Axis agents east of Suez to explain away. The arrival in February of a substantial force of Australians made a deep impression, being accepted as evidence that Great Britain was not in such desperate straits that she could not spare a body of efficient troops for the defence of a remote outpost. Much more impressive, however, is this movement of men and modern weapons from West to East at a time when Axis propagandists would have the Far East believe that Britain is on the eve of collapse and that the wise should be taking a sympathetic interest in Japan's plans for greater East Asia.

During the last war Germany had no difficulty in enlisting agents in all parts of Britain's Far East empire, and these agents found many ready listeners. There are probably plenty of anti-British agents at large now in every British colony, but their task is much more difficult than it was twenty-five years ago. Turkey was then Germany's ally, and, despite the Arab revolt, the whole Moslem world was deluged with German propaganda. Turkey is now on the defensive against Germany, and Moslem Malaya, from the Siamese border throughout the peninsula and the great Dutch archipelago, has been exposed through Britain's preoccupation with Germany, to the threat of Japanese conquest and exploitation. Twenty-five years ago there was no question of popping out of the Occidental frying pan into the Japanese fire. Now there is, as every native of every land adjacent to the South China Sea is aware, and fiercely aware because of what has been going on in China.

The only thing that an Axis propagandist in East Asia can say is that Germany is sure to win and that her good friend Japan will then inherit control over all those peoples who are now under the British, French, Dutch and American flags, so that all wise and discreet Orientals should now win Japan's gratitude by doing her enemies every possible disservice. That is effective propaganda so long as it appears that everything that Great Britain can draw from her Pacific colonies and dominions is westward bound, to bolster a desperate defence. But when men and machines start coming back from West to East all must suddenly be mindful of what Japan has failed to do in China.



THE TIGHT CORNER

United States Intervention

By Walter Lippmann

There can be no doubt that recent measures mark the end of American isolation and neutrality, and we are now in a position to examine, not theoretically in words, but practically in the light of events, how this great change in American policy is working.

Only those will doubt that the United States is more secure who do not remember, or perhaps have never realised, the position of the United States when France capitulated last June. Hitler had smashed the French armies, Italy had just entered the war with a large and impressive navy and a considerable air force. The French Navy was subject to capture by the Axis or to being betrayed by French politicians committed to the Axis. There was a partnership, which was very near to an alliance, between the European Axis and Japan. Great Britain, her defences unprepared, her air force outnumbered, without allies anywhere, stood in imminent danger of an invasion and a conquest which threatened to end in the capture of her fleet.

At that desperate moment it appeared that within a few weeks—or at the latest by the end of the summer the Axis might consummate a total victory in Europe, and that Japan, joining in for the kill, would conquer the western Pacific and obtain the resources and the man-power for any ambition she might entertain. So dark was the prospect that eminent men among us rose up to speak and to say that the war was lost, and that our only course was to make the best bargain possible with the new masters of the world.

Last summer, when Col. Lindbergh openly, and Mr. Hoover implicitly, advised the American people to come to terms with the New Order, the United States was committed to the defence of the Western Hemisphere and, at least until 1946, to the defence of the Philippines. Yet it had a navy which on paper was not by any means decisively larger than the Japanese. It had no navy and no naval bases remotely adequate for equality of bargaining power, much less for the defence of the Atlantic Ocean, against the navies of Germany, Italy, France, and not to speak of any part of the British Navy which might be captured.

The United States did not have even a common plan of defence with Canada and Mexico. For its air force it had little more than the plants built to fill the British and French orders. It had almost no army. It had not organised and developed a munitions industry. It faced a prolonged political campaign in which strong efforts were certain to be made to capture votes by decrying the danger, by promising "peace" through inaction, by creating hysteric fear that any measures to reduce the real peril would lead to the imaginary peril of another great expeditionary army in Europe.

In comparison with our situation then, the risks we face now—even on the most pessimistic calculation—are immeasurably less. The most pessimistic calculation would be that Hitler will destroy Britain this season. If he does, we are still indisputably better off than we were last summer. We shall have gained a whole year during which we have enlarged the navy, organised a great war industry, raised an army, and waked up the need of national defence. Even if the worst happens in Europe and Asia now, that year—which we might well have used more efficiently—has been precious beyond all description.

But as a matter of fact we have actually gained much more than the time which was absolutely indispensable to the organising of our own defence. By our intervention last summer and by the measures which have followed, we have played a great part in a campaign which has already changed, decisively to our advantage, the whole balance of power in the world. Even if the worst happened this year, and it is far less likely to happen than it was last July, the totalitarian allies cannot now win any such victory as was in sight last July.

A victory then would have established the New Order in Europe with the assent, however reluctant, of most of the nations of Europe. A victory now must be imposed by force on peoples among whom the spirit of rebellion is rising. A victory then would have been won by a Germany at the height of her military power, with Italy in full force, with Britain unable to fight back with great power. A victory now, if it is to be won at all, must be won by Hitler at a terrific cost. For he must win it on difficult ground against a new Britain supported by effective allies.

In this year Italy has been stricken: the destruction of Italy's African empire, the blows inflicted on the Italian Navy, have all but cut the link which threatened to unite the power of Germany with the power of Japan. The victories of Wavell and Cunningham in the Mediterranean have broken and dislocated the Nazi-Japanese combination. Hitler and the faction which supports him in Japan are separated physically and strategically by the defeats inflicted upon Italy. There is no formidable European navy now which can go to the assistance of Japan: the prospects of moderation in the Pacific have improved because, with the damage done to the Italian Navy and its consequence, the immobilisation of the French Navy, Anglo-American sea power is relatively ever so much stronger than it was ten months ago.

Thus, on any estimate of the future, however sombre, it can be said that those who had faith have been justified as against those who offered the counsels of despair. The security of the United States is immeasurably greater to-day, come what may, than it was when Churchill dared to stand up and declare that Britain would never surrender, when Roosevelt and Willkie dared to stand up and say that we would support this high resolve. No risks we face now are comparable with the risks we faced ten months ago, and on the record of the events themselves we shall always be glad that in the English-speaking world the brave faith prevailed.

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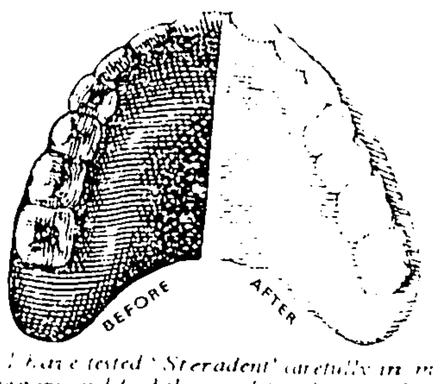

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HELD ON TO BALLOON BY TEETH

(By A London Reporter)

IMAGINE YOURSELF swinging on the guy rope of one of those barrage balloons, 2,000 feet up, clawing with hands and feet, even teeth, to grip the slippery rope, swaying like a great pendulum in the frozen wind. It happened to Gunner Harry Bannister Griffiths, and this, in Gunner Griffiths's own words, is what it was like:—

"Ten of us were releasing the moorings of the balloon, but just as I was about to get clear a rope caught round my leg.

"The balloon was drifting towards a wall and rather than be dashed against it I clung on so as to be lifted clear while shaking my foot free.

"But suddenly the balloon swung straight up. I saw the fields dropping away below me. I felt sure the winch driver would see me, but he was some distance away from the balloon, and I heard afterwards that he thought I was a piece of bush caught on to the rope.

"Up and up I went until I could see by the measures on the main cable that I was 2,000 feet above the ground.

"There the balloon remained, and the rope I was clinging to began to swing forty feet either side.

"I thought This'll make me late for the pictures.

Worst Moment

"It was then that my foot became free. The rope was greasy, and I began to feel my hands slipping. They were already frozen and numb.

"I lost my grip and began to slide down the rope. That was the worst moment of all, I thought death was certain.

"But after I had slipped about eight feet I managed to check my fall by gripping the rope with my teeth. My hands by this time were useless.

"I knew I could not hang on much longer like that, and the slipping had shaken me a bit. So I tried to hook the free end of the rope with one of my feet.

"At last I did it, and though the swinging made me feel very sick, I still had enough savvy to wind some of the slack round my other leg. My teeth were hurting as they bit the rope, still I managed to hold on.

"I once worked in a shipyard — though my home is at Walsall (Staff) — and was used to running along the beams of half-built vesse's. That helped me to keep my head, at least.

"After a time I became calmer and looked around. As I swung I saw the country below me looking just like a map, and I said to myself, 'Now I know what the district looks like to a bomber.'"

"I had always wondered . . .

"I Know Now"

"I had heard how people near death see their past life roll before their eyes but I never believed it. Well, I know now.

"Heaps of incidents from my childhood flashed through my mind. But I also saw pictures of things which had never happened. Perhaps it was clairvoyance, or something like that, and they may come true in the future.

"But I was too busy trying to kid myself I could hang on for hours if need be to think much about clairvoyance at the time.

"Years afterwards — it was fifteen minutes by the clock — I felt the balloon moving downwards.

"When I got down there was an ambulance waiting and my pals, of course. My muscles were aching, my mouth bleeding a bit, and my leg cut. But nothing seriously wrong."

That is what it feels like to be carried up on a barrage balloon guy rope.

One thing twenty-one-year-old Gunner Griffiths did not tell me. When the sergeant-major wanted to put him in the ambulance he said:—

"I'd rather not, sir. I've got a date at the pictures and I'm late already."

MANGHAM FARCE

The European YMCA A.D.C. intends to bring its 1940/41 season to a close with the presentation of a Somerset Maugham farce, "Mrs. Dot." The dates fixed for the presentations are 1st, 2nd and 3rd May, and all performances are in aid of the Association's War Charities at Home.

Colony playgoers will find that Mr. Somerset Maugham, in "Mrs. Dot," has created situations that make for comedy both delightful and wholesome. The scenes are set in places dear to all Englishmen with a refreshing touch of familiarity. Humour ripples gaily through the play as a wily widow uses all artifices to win over a handsome scion of nobility from the clutches of a haughty dowager seeking a golden opportunity for her daughter.

The widow uses everything she can lay her hands on and even goes to the extent of making flagrant love to a soured cynical friend of the much sought after male. The tables are nearly turned on her, however, and it is only a clever twist in the plot that allows her to achieve her end. Other delightful characters are woven into the play making closing stages of the Colony's it a welcome addition to the dramatic season.

SHORT CIRCUIT PIE

Rabbit pie is on the menu for a West Country searchlight crew.

Current failed several times when the search-light was in use. Next morning a score of dead rabbits lay beside the electric cable. There were teeth marks in the insulation. The rabbits had bitten into the wire and had been electrocuted.

WHEY NONNY NONNY

A chemist has reported to the German chemical society that he has perfected a process for using whey in the brewing of beer.

The whey, he said, could be used in place of malt.

Nelson Eddy, who co-stars with Jeanette MacDonald in "New Moon," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

DUKE'S GIFT TO HIS VICAR

No longer a Church "exile," the Rev. Anderson Jardine, who married the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, has been granted the pastorate of a small Hollywood church which he has named "Windsor Cathedral."

Conducting his first service Mr. Jardine read to a capacity attendance of 150 parishioners a letter from the Duke bestowing his blessing on the new church and instructing Mr. Jardine to select a gold altar cross in remembrance.

A model of the cross, which will cost about £400 was displayed at the service.

Mr. Jardine said he hoped to raise funds to build a big church in Hollywood Hills to perpetuate the Duke's name, in place of the present small church.

'CHUTE SILK BRIDAL GOWN

A bridal dress made of silk from an Army parachute was worn by Miss Elizabeth Sloan at her wedding at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, says Reuter.

The bridegroom was a member of the United States Army Air Corps.

Rush To Get IN Dentist's Chair

AN EPIDEMIC of toothache has broken out in one town in unoccupied France. The local dentist, you see, is consul for a neutral country — and people trying to get out of the country visit him hoping to have a word with him about giving them a visa. That's why his appointments book is always full.

At some French towns enormous prices are being paid to grafters and intermediaries who promise to expedite the granting of a passport or visa.

But few people of any nationality are now being allowed to leave the country. Those who have got out and arrived in Lisbon ask anxiously, "What is really happening in France?" They trust neither the French newspapers nor the radio.

Chicken, 18s.

In the last week restaurants which had managed to keep open in unoccupied France in spite of increased food taxes and shortage of bread have closed permanently.

Shoe shops have been closed some time. Cakes, once obtainable three times a week, are now non-existent. A chicken costs about 18s. Gas and electricity are rationed. There is little milk.

A new contingent of Germans in all-white uniforms is reported to have arrived in Marseilles to form a food control commission to take over some of the food supplies still left in the port.

Even Italians in unoccupied France are now saying, "We must keep friendly towards England if we want to keep our freedom."

NAZI WORKMEN JEER AT HITLER IN THE FACTORIES

Mr. X is a neutral business man who has done business with Germany for many years and who is a constant visitor to the country. This is the story he has told to a correspondent in a neutral country.

I WAS DOING BUSINESS with Germany and in Germany before they ever dreamed of Hitler there, said Mr. X. I have been in and out of the country in peace and war.

I know scores of Nazis, many of them high party officials. Now I am back out of Germany again, and this is the story I have to tell:

German morale is definitely worsening.

Food is worse in quality and quantity.

The occupied territories, even Austria, are seething with hatred.

Sarcasm and uncomplimentary jokes now greet Hitler's speeches when broadcast in the factories.

Germany's booty from her conquered territories is exhausted.

Will Crack

Germany's army cannot be defeated in the field, but, if Britain stands firm against any coming attack there will be no need to defeat it. Germany will crack.

I am convinced that Britain has only to hold out and resist the German attack for a few months, and the Reich's inner front will do the rest.

And it is only three months ago, when I last visited the country to attend the Autumn Fair in Vienna, that I decided that Germany was unbeatable and that Britain did not stand a chance of holding out against her.

Attack Will Come

Such is the measure of the change I have seen since then.

I do not think the German army can be beaten in pitched battle by any military force now existing.

Its organisation and equipment are as good as ever and the military authorities everywhere see to it that the troops are not allowed to vegetate, even though there is no actual fighting to be done.

It must be remembered that whatever difficulties and weaknesses there are in Germany today the army stands outside them.

The war machine is as powerful as ever, and the big attack on Britain will come and come soon.

Even among the Germans there are many who hope that whoever cracks it will not be Britain.

THEY STUDY IN PRISON

When they return home after the war British prisoners of war may carry in their knapsacks honours degrees of Oxford or Cambridge—awards they have "swotted" for during their captivity.

Our men have already given Germany another "university." It is in prison camp Oflag VII C.H., and is intended, not for the mere killing of boredom, but for serious and systematic study.

A regular time-table of lectures on mathematics, languages, agriculture, engineering, common law, criminal law, history, and other subjects has been arranged.

An Oxford don has drawn up a scheme of reading for a university honours school in English.

The idea is that a prisoner may be examined by a voluntary body of university teachers, who would be empowered to award a certificate or diploma to those who reached the necessary honours standard.

This voluntary body, in turn, would hope to secure such recognition from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge as would give the diploma or certificate an official status.

REDSKIN CHILDREN JOIN WAR TRAIL

DOWN IN OKLAHOMA RECENTLY THEY PLAYED "GOD SAVE THE KING" IN THE STREETS.

(To save you looking at the map: Oklahoma lies between Kansas and Texas, in the middle area of the United States).

Bands played "God Save the King" along the streets of the oil town of Seminole.

Behind the bands moved lorry-loads of scrap iron bound for Britain's munition factories.

And behind the lorries marched white and Red Indian school children who have collected the scrap four tons of it to help Britain along.

THEY WON'T WEAR SLACKS

Though tram conductresses in Liverpool are doing a man's job now they don't want to wear the trousers.

They can wear skirts or slacks, and the city's Transport Committee have been surprised to find that slacks are not popular.

"Most of the women do not think trousers flatter the figure," a reporter was told.

GIFT TO FIGHT PNEUMONIA

The Duchess of Kent has accepted on behalf of the Greek nation, a gift of 1,000,000 anti-pneumonia tablets to combat the disease prevalent in Greece.

The tablets are valued at £5,000 and 20,000 have already been sent by air mail.

NAZI FACTORY DESTROYED

The largest optical instrument factory in Denmark, which was working for Germany, has been destroyed by a mystery fire.

Although all brigades in the district were called, machinery and stocks were wiped out, states Exchange. Damage is estimated at £250,000.

WEDDINGS HIGHEST SINCE 1920

War-time marriages are booming in Britain.

It is revealed by the Registrar-general that in the quarter ended June 30, 1940, the marriage rate per thousand of population was 22.5 the highest recorded in this quarter since 1920.

The weddings numbered 116,134, an increase of 13,318 over the corresponding period of 1939, and of 13,844 over the second quarter of 1938.

There is an increase in births, too. The number was 166,537, which is 2231 more than in the June quarter of 1938 and the highest in any June since 1930.

The birth rate per thousand was 16.2 compared with an average of 15.8 for the second quarters of the five preceding years.

There were 48,482 more births than deaths.

Civilian deaths numbered 118,055 and the death rate per thousand was 11.8 compared with 20.3 for the first quarter of the year, and 11.7 for the second quarter of 1939.

USE 'POWER OF THOUGHT'

Sir W. Davison, M.P., is to suggest to the Premier that, "in view of the power of concentrated thought," he should ask all Britons to unite for a moment nightly in some such thought as the unity of the Empire and the need of its maintenance for peace and freedom.

DUCHESS'S SHELL TIARA

The Duchess of Windsor wore a tiara of native shells when she and the Duke attended a ball at the Jungle Club, Nassau, Bahamas, in aid of the funds of the Humane Society.

SITWELLS SAY THEY ARE NOT ARROGANT

MR. OSBERT SITWELL, poet and author, of Renishaw Hall, near Sheffield, gave evidence in the King's Bench Division about his entry in "Who's Who," which had been referred to as "one of his published writings." The entry, said Mr. Sitwell, was intended to "mock the pomposity of some other entries."

Mr. G. O. Slade, (his counsel): Were you put down by W. G. Grace for the M.C.C. on the day of your birth?—Yes. It may have been the day after my birth.

Mr. Sitwell, invited by Mr. Justice Cassels to explain "educated, during the holidays from Eton," said he had a tutor and learned more when on holiday than at Eton.

The Sitwells—Edith, Osbert, and Sacheverell—brought a libel action against Cooperative Press, Ltd., publishers, and Mr. Sydney R. Elliott, editor of Reynolds News.

"Arrogance"

They complained that an article on February 18, 1940, purporting to review "Edith Sitwell's Anthology," imputed that they were people of no literary ability, whose arrogance and conceit constituted their sole claim to prominence.

The defence denied the alleged innuendo or that the article was defamatory and pleaded fair comment.

Mr. Slade said the article complained of stated:

"Among the literary curiosities of the 1920's will be the vogue of the Sitwells, sister and two brothers, whose energy and self-assurance pushed them into a position which their merits could not have won."

The Sitwells, said Mr. Slade, took strongest objection to the statement that they had passed into oblivion, when they considered they were on the threshold of the more important part of their literary career.

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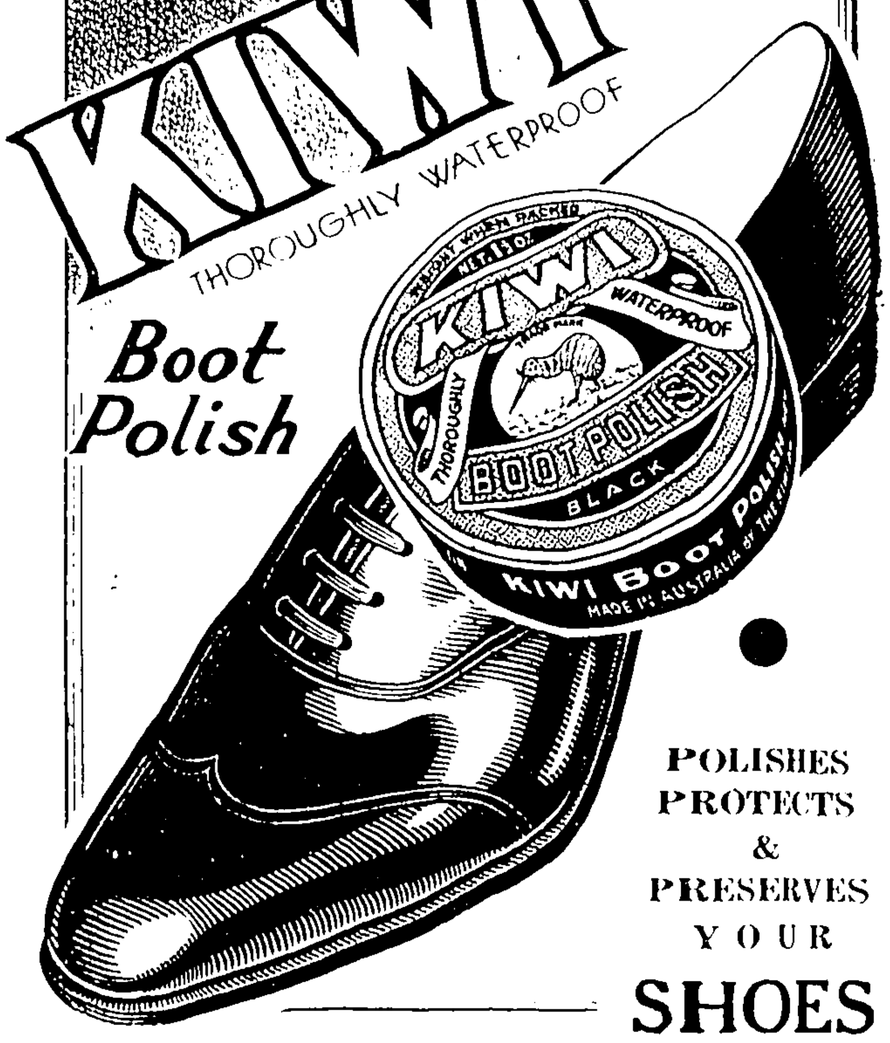

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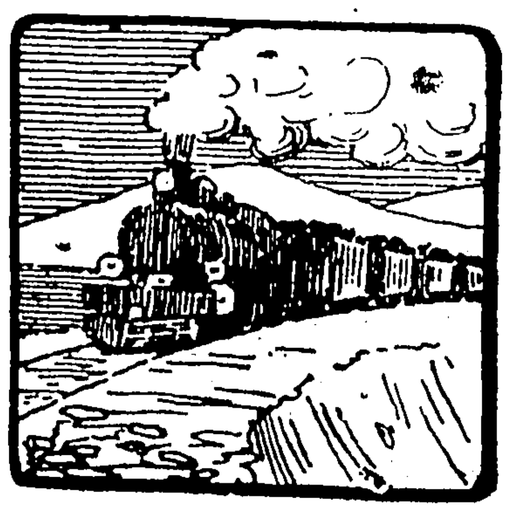
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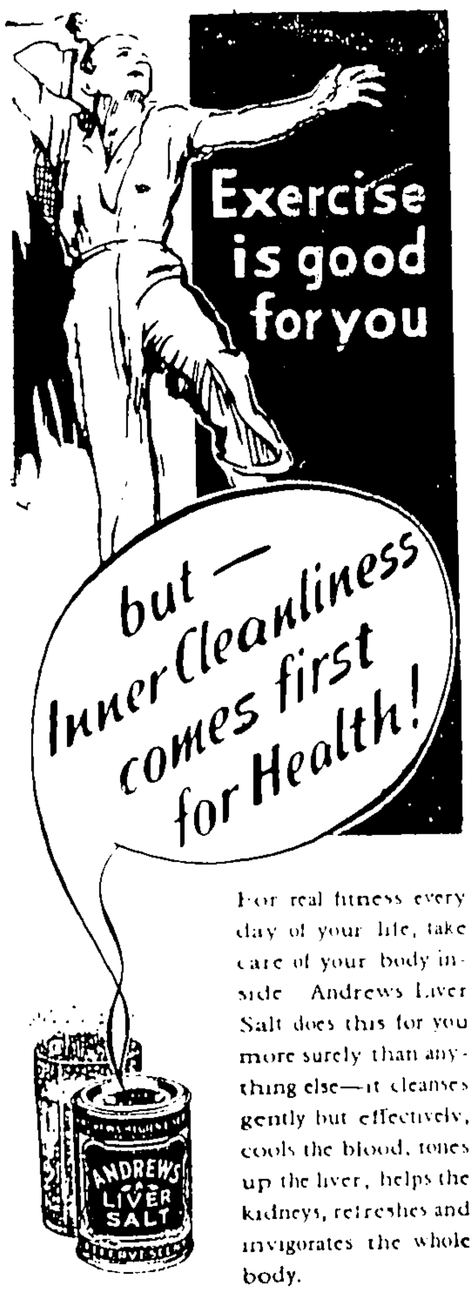

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By The Four Aces

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South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

	♠ 8 5 ♡ 9 8 6 2 ◇ A K 3 ♣ 9 8 5 2	
♠ A K 7 6 4 ♡ Q J 10 ◇ 7 4 2 ♣ K J	N W E S	♠ Q J 10 3 ♡ J 10 8 6 ◇ 10 7 6 4 3 ♣
	♠ 9 2 ♡ A K 7 5 4 3 ◇ Q 9 6 ♣ A Q	

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

West cashed the King and Ace of spades, after which he switched to the seven of diamonds. There upon South hastily spread his cards, announcing that he would take the club finesse to see whether he would make ten or eleven tricks. Naturally, the opponents made him take the club finesse and then showed him that he also had to lose a trump trick. South was therefore set one trick, much to North's disgust.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE...3
KING...2
QUEEN...1
JACK...½

If South hadn't been in such a hurry to claim the tricks, he could have made his contract despite the bad trump break and the unfavourable position of the club King. Correct play is to win the third trick in either hand and lead a trump to the Ace. When East discards, South realises that he must avoid the loss of a club trick if he is to make his contract. He therefore takes the King of hearts, cashes the remaining top diamonds, and then leads a trump.

West is obliged to win the third round of trumps and is then helpless to defeat the contract. Another spade lead permits dummy to ruff while South discards the Queen of clubs, while a club lead rides up to South's Ace-Queen, giving him a free finesse.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J
♡ K J 9 4
◇ 8 5
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	1NT	(?)	

ANSWER: Double. Your partner's bid announces better than average high-card strength together with some sort of biddable holding in spades. You have better than average strength and good support for spades. Either Mr. Jacoby's no-trump bid is an out-and-out psychic or he is caught between two strong hands. You must not let him out of the trap.

Score 100% for double, 30% for two clubs, 20% for two hearts or two spades.

Question No. 694

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♡	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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NUNS KILLED AT PRAYER

Mother Superior of a Catholic hospital and two nuns were killed instantly by a bomb while making a round of the hospital praying with inmates during a night raid on London.

Houses were destroyed by a bomb which fell in a side street, but six surface shelters close by, sheltering approximately 330 people, suffered no damage.

Killed In Bus

People were trapped in a basement shelter under a six-storey building which was partly demolished. Rescue attempts had to be abandoned when the ruins were set on fire by a shower of incendiaries.

Among those feared dead is the husband of a woman who was rescued with her two daughters. This man lost his only son, his brother and his brother-in-law in recent air raids.

Several people were killed while travelling in a bus in another London area.

Rescue units who dragged out passengers worked on in the shadow of a towering wall which threatened to collapse.

Two fire watchers were also killed when a high explosive bomb fell on industrial premises. A flight of stone stairs collapsed on them.

Fire spotters on the roof were thrown flat by the blast and one was taken to hospital.

At one period incendiaries rained down in hundreds in some districts.

Fire watchers appeared as if by magic and, with the bags of sand placed against lamp posts, they quickly extinguished the bombs.

Two ward sisters fire watching in the top storey of another hospital were also killed together with the matron.

Nurses at yet a third hospital were fetching bedding for hurriedly evacuated patients when a high explosive bomb fell in the midst of them, killing two sisters, two deputy sisters and two probationers besides a policeman and a fireman.

Other nurses and helpers were injured. Not one patient was hurt.

Efforts were still being made to extricate a fireman and a Home Guard known to be entombed in the wreckage.

An optimist is he who thinks if he just sits tight fortune will drop in his lap.

DOG SAVED GIRL WHO FELL IN FIRE

When Megan Remblance, seriously ill in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, is better she will learn that she owes her life to her employer's pet cocker spaniel.'

Megan, who is twenty-eight and whose home is at Jubilee Road, Bungay, Suffolk, was maid at the Black Swan Inn, Homersfield, Norfolk.

She was up early on a cold, snowy morning, lighting a fire in the big fire-place of the sitting-room of the inn. The dog, Susan, belonging to Mrs. Mortimer, licensee of the inn, was by her side. Suddenly Megan fainted and fell headlong into the fire.

Susan saw her plight, and unable to pull Megan out of the flames, dashed upstairs and scratched furiously at Mrs. Mortimer's bedroom door.

"When let into the room, the dog tugged and clawed at my dressing-gown, which was hanging on the door," Mrs. Mortimer told a reporter. "I put the dressing gown on, but by this time Susan was half way downstairs. Back she came and tugged at the hem of my dressing-gown, pulling me downstairs.

"I found my maid was right on the fire enveloped in flames, and there was Susan tugging away at the bottom of her dress."

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By ED REED

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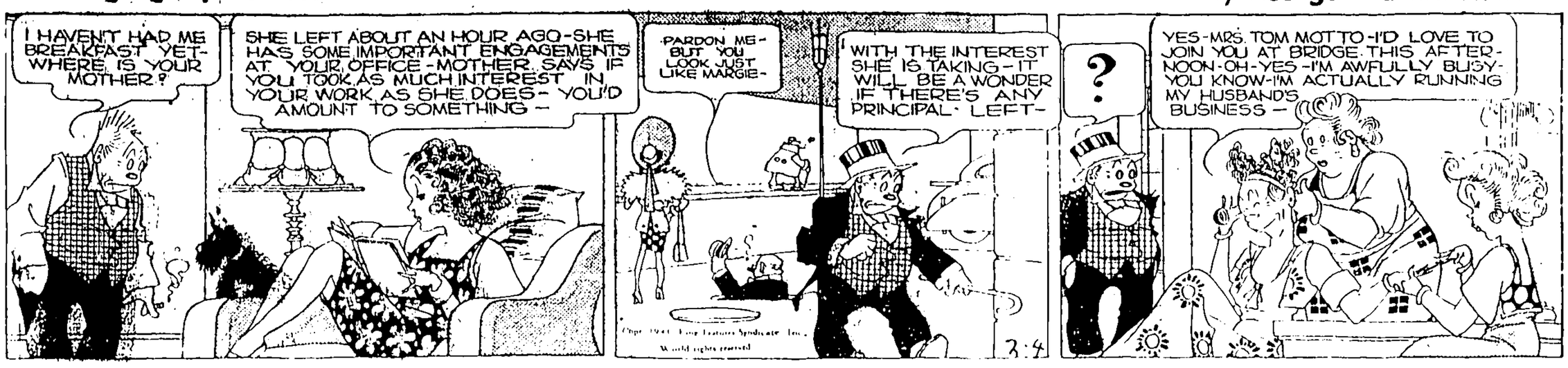

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Vitamin D And Health

MADELEINE CARROLL, with the lovely skin, is only one of many screen actresses who have learned to rely on well balanced menus for health and beauty.

Adult overweight must bear in mind that the calorie value of a vitamin is lost, and the use of concentrated calories in pill or capsule form, seem to add nothing significant to the content of the diet in calorie. This is the opinion of Dr. Casimir Funk, who originated the name VITAMIN as early as 1912, and has presented much valuable study to the lay man. He goes on to state that "Studies of the influence of vitamins and minerals on body weight indicate no significant change, indeed a tendency to go toward the 'norm' in weight has been noticed." So overweights who are deficient in any vitamin should take it concentrated.

What Is Vitamin D

Now to tell you about Vitamin D, a strange vitamin which is directly related to the sun. It is found in cod-liver oil and halibut oil (the only rich source known as yet) and in fair rich amounts in butter, milk, eggs, oysters, sardines and clams.

Infants and children require approximately 500 units of Vitamin D daily, adults and adolescents require about 700 units, and expectant or nursing mothers require about 1000 units. (A vitamin unit is the minimum weight of either a pure vitamin or a vitamin containing substance. On the box containing vitamin capsules, or pills, you will see printed something to this effect "Each capsule contains 500 International Units of Vitamin D.")

Unless you or your child get a great deal of sunshine and eat very-well balanced menus it is safe, and perhaps wise to take Vitamin D in concentrated form. A child would have one capsule of 500 units, an adult two capsules. I hope that is clear.

How Vitamin D Is Related To Sun

Vitamin D is available to everyone through exposure of the skin to sunshine. It is created by the body from a substance beneath the skin when sunshine falls upon the surface of the body. Dr. Funk again comments: "Modern clothing and the modern mode of living do deprive many individuals of sufficient sunshine therefore many are deficient in Vitamin D. Yet Vitamin D is important for growth and health throughout life. To remedy the deficiency many individuals take cod-liver oil or other fish oils and concentrates—which supply both Vitamin A and Vitamin D."

How Does Vitamin D Help?

A sufficient amount of Vitamin D tends to build strong teeth, prevent constipation or "pot belly," keeps skin smooth and healthy by preventing growth of infection bacteria (those who have acne benefit by this vitamin), corrects or prevents sinus infections, regulates metabolism of calcium and phosphorous. It is vital to good health and beauty, and growing children should not be denied it.

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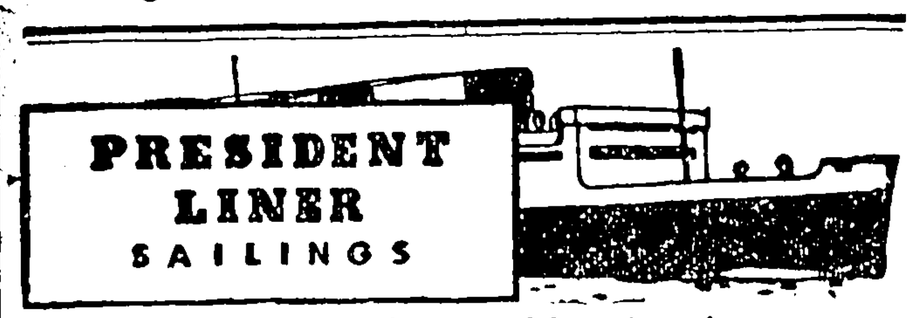

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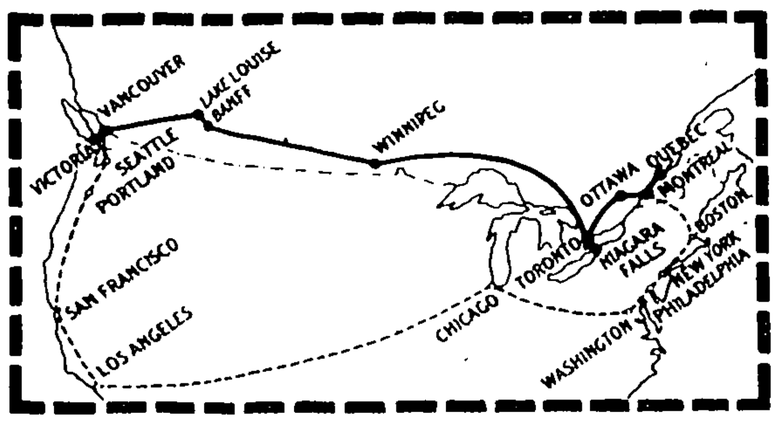

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1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal
1.01 p.m. Popular Dance Music.
Quick Step I'm Nobody's Baby (film "Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante") Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra Rumba Ain't Cha Comin' Out Nat Gonella & His Georgians Fox Trot Begin The Beguine Quick Step I've Got My Eyes on You (from "Broadway Melody 1940") Billy Cotton & His Band Fox-Trot The Man Who Comes Around Billy Cotton & His Band Swing Fox Trot After You've Gone Stephane Grappelly & His Musicians Fox-Trot Mary Lou Van Alexander & His Orch Tango Medley Intro "Rosita" (Du Pont") "Jealousy" (Gade), "Jalousie" (Donato) Joe Loss & His Band Waltz Medley Intro "Always" "All Alone", "What'll I Do" (Irving Berlin) Joe Loss & His Band
1.30 p.m. Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements
1.45 p.m. Variety with Ronald Frankau, The Maestros, Elizabeth Welch and Others
Comedienne Harlem in My Heart (film "Big Fella") One Kiss (film "Big Fella") Elizabeth Welch & Orchestra Humorous Don't Bring the Children Back to London, Every Evening's Nothing Like the Last Ronald Frankau Piano Piccadilly Playtime (Leach-Evans) Patricia Rossborough Orchestra Tyrolean Medley Memories of the Alps, The Happy Mountaineers Rae Jenkins' Cosmopolitans Vocal Quintette Little Annie Rooney (Mono) "Daddy wouldn't buy me a Bow Wow" The Maestros
2.15 p.m. Close down
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations
6.32 p.m.—Prokofieff—Peter & the Wolf (Orchestral Fairy Tale, Op. 67). Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra Narrator Richard Hale
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m. London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.
7.30 p.m. —London Relay —Special Broadcast to British Forces in the Far East
8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m. Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Temianka (Violin)
The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel) S. Rachmaninoff (Piano) Humoresque IV (Sibelius) Henri Temianka (Violin) and the Temianka Chamber Orchestra Serenade Op. 3 No. 5 (Rachmaninoff) Scherzo (Borodin) Serge Rachmaninoff (Piano) Malaguena (Sarasate) Op. 21 Scherzo Tarantelle (Wieniawski) Op. 10 Temianka (Violin with Piano) Troika En Traineaux Op. 37 No. 11 (Tchaikowsky) S. Rachmaninoff (Piano)
8.30 p.m. London Symphony Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor)
Schwanda (The Bagpipe Player)—Polka & Fugue (Weinberger) London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty. H. Dawbet—organ I Love Thee (Grieg) Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra A Night at the Proms Intro Carmen—Prelude to Act I (Bizet); Symphony No. 8, in B minor—"The Unfinished" (Schubert); William Tell—Overture (Rossini); Fingal's Cave—Overture, Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach). Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai) London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood On the Road to Mandalay (Kipling Speaks) Charles Kullman (Tenor) Cortege des Nobles (Rimsky Korsakov) London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
9.15 p.m. London Relay "Questions of the Hour".
9.30 p.m. Local Sports Results
9.33 p.m. Film Selections
A Day at the Races Selection—Intro "A Message from the Man in the Moon", "Blue Venetian Waters", "To-morrow is Another Day" "The Gold Diggers of 1937" Selection Intro "All's Fair in Love and War", "Let's put our heads together", "With plenty of Money & You" Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orch Al Bollington Organ Oo! La! La!, So Green (Film "That's a good girl") Jack Buchanan (Comedian) Love and Kisses Intro Be a Good Sport Sweet Someone, I Wanna Be a Winchell's Column Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & his Boy Friends Walter, Walter, The Trek Song (both from film "We're going to be rich") Gracie Fields acc by F. Hartley & Orchestra The Great Ziegfeld Film Selection Intro You Gotta Pull Strings, A Pretty Girl is like a Melody Louis Levy & his Gaumont British Symphony
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Ops"
Variety with Flanagan & Allen and Geraldo & His Orchestra
11.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox Trots Can't You Tell, Once More Benny Goodman & His Orchestra Slow Fox-Trot Confetti on the Pavement Mantovani & his Orchestra Fox-Trots Memories of You, Soft Winds Benny Goodman Sextet Fox-Trot—Sierra Sue Slow Fox Trot Trade Winds Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orch Vocalist "Celia" Rumba Fox-Trots Adios, Sidney Madriguera & his Orch Fox Trot Smokey Mary Bob Crosby & his Orchestra Waltz The Umbrella Man Jack Hylton & his Orchestra Fox-Trots Coconut Grove The Hour of Parting Benny Goodman & his Orchestra Fox Trot I'm Spending Christmas with the Old Folks, Slow Fox-Trot There'll Come Another Day Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Orch Vocalist "Celia" The Veleta, St. Bernard Waltz Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra Fox-Trot A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, Quick-Step Piggerty Boo Joe Loss & his Orchestra, vocal refrain by Bob Arden
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Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.
Friday, 18th April, 1941.

1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no Recruit's medical examination on Fri. 25th Apr., but the Corps Medical Board will assemble if so ordered.

2. HALF-DAY TRAINING

Reference Corps Special Orders No. 22/41 dated 28.3.41. The Pay Section will now parade from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays for No. 1 Sub-Section, Fridays for No. 2 Sub-Section and not as stated.

3. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Dress For All Btys. For ½ Day Training

S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, shorts, puttees, boots, web equipment pouches, haversack and water bottle filled, steel helmet, respirator, overalls and gunplatform shoes to be carried; greatcoat optional, 3rd 4th and 5th A.A. Btys only, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug.

ii. 1st Battery

Tues. 22nd Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Sees. Bty training at D'Aguilar.

Thurs. 24th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Signalling. See Signal class. Dress-Mufti.

iii. 2nd Battery

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Kit inspection. Dress-Mufti.

Wed. 23rd Apr. Bty Office. 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O's. Dress-Mufti.

Thurs. 24th Apr. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. for Bluffhead. All Sees. Half day training. Dress. See para. (a)i above.

iv. 3rd Battery

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As detailed B.C.A. Class. Dress-Mufti.

Thurs. 24th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Sees. for Aberdeen. Dress. As ordered.

Fri. 25th Apr. D.E.L. School D.E.L. Sec. Dress-Overalls.

v. 4th Battery

Tues. 2nd Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Sees. Bty. drill and instruction. Dress See para. (a) i above.

Thurs. 24th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Sees. Kit inspection and arms drill. Dress-S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, puttees, web belt. All remaining clothing and equipment in kit bags.

vi. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 22nd Apr. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Half-day training at Saiwan. Dress See para. (a)i above.

Tues. 22nd Apr. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress-Mufti.

Thurs. 24th Apr. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Half-day training at Saiwan. Dress See para. (a)i above.

Thurs. 24th Apr. St. John's Place. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress-Mufti.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Thurs. 24th April. K.C.R. 2.30 p.m. Infantry Exercise. Dress—Battle Order less box respirators. Cardigans will be worn and loose-leaf training manuals (red books) must be brought on parade. 7.30 p.m. Lecture on "Bomb disposal" by O.C. in Company Drill Hall.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) Classification Group, Special training. (ii) Remainder, lamp signalling.

Wed. 23rd Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Gas course. (ii) Field training until 9 a.m. as detailed. Dress Summer Battle Order.

Fri. 25th Apr. (i) W/T Class report directly to Govt. Trade School at 2 p.m. (ii) Remainder, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 21st Apr. (i) Those detailed, Kennedy Road Range. V.G. Part I. Parade at Drill Hall 5.15 p.m. Range Officer-Lt. K.C. Hamilton. (ii) Nos. 1, 2 Plns. Class A., Indication and recognition (V.G.); Classes B & C. Stoppages. V.G; Classes D & E., Lessons 7 and 15 L.G. (iii) Nos. 3, 4 Plns. Class 1., Lecture V.G.; Class 2 Mechanism V.G.; Class 3 Stripping and assembling V.G. (iv) No. 5 Pln. Classes A, B & C. Arms drill. (v) Dress—All Plns. Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

Wed. 23rd Apr. Hung Hom. 2.30 p.m. All Plns. Exercises in New Territories. Dress—Battle Order, R.T.R. caps. Vehicle and working Party. No. 2 Pln. and No. 1 Sec., No. 3 Pln. at 2 p.m.

Fri. 25th Apr. (i) Nos. 1, 2 Plns., Class A. Fire Orders; Classes B & C., Stoppages, V.G.; Classes D & E., Lessons 10 and 11, L.G. (ii) Nos. 3 & 4 Plns., Class 1, Kennedy Road Range. Parade at Drill Hall 5.15 p.m. Range Officer—Lt. K.C. Hamilton. Class 2, Bayonet Drill. Class 3, Miniature Range. Range Officer—2/Lt. W. Stoker. (iii) No. 5 Pln., Map reading & compass. (iv) Dress—All Plns. Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Training Area-Brick Hill. For details see Coy. Notice Board.

Tues. 22nd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Fri. 25th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Sun. 27th Apr. M.G. Course Part II for all those who have not yet fired this course.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 22nd Apr. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 23rd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training.

Fri. 25th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress- Battle Order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress. Cap, shirt, shorts.

Thurs. 24th Apr. H.Q. 5.20 p.m.

Sun. 27th Apr. Kowloon City Range 9 a.m. M.G. Classification. Those detailed. Dress Cap, shirt, shorts; equipment less haversack.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Tues. 22nd Apr. Murray Parade Ground 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

Wed. 23rd Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Half day training. Dress. Battle Order, S.D. cap.

Fri. 25th Apr. Murray Parade Ground 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 21st Apr. Kowloon Railway Station 2.15 p.m. Dress-Boots, trousers, shirt, cardigan, webbing equipment and mess tin, S.D. cap.

Tues. 22nd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. Sections. T.O.E.T. Tests 7 and 8. L.G. Sections Elementary handling. Duties of No. 1 and 2 Part 1.

Fri. 25th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Rifle instruction (a) Parts, (b) Mechanism, (c) Care-Points B.D.A.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 22nd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. T.O.E.T.

Fri. 25th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, puttees, hose-tops, boots, Webbing equipment, haversack, water bottle, mess tin, knives and forks.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Squad and arms drill.

Fri. 25th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. for D'Aguilar. Dress—Fighting Order S.D. cap, Mess tin, knife, fork and spoon will be carried.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 20th Apr.-Sat. 26th Apr. inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered. No leave can be granted except as ordered.

Daily duty Officer as detailed.

Thurs. 24th Apr. Supply and Transport Sections. Lecture. Practical mechanics. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap. Transport will leave Queen's Pier at 5.20 p.m.

Sun. 27th Apr. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Wed. 23rd Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Half-day training. Dress as usual.

(n) PAY SECTION

Thurs. 24th Apr. Comd. H.Q. Sub-Section I. Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 25th Apr. Comd. H.Q. sub-Section II. Dress- Uniform.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

There will be no parade next week.

4. PROMOTION

4637, Pte. W. H. Brown, Pay Section, to be Cpl.

5. TRANSFERS

2872, L/Cpl. D. W. Beeken, from Mob. Coln., to No. 3 Sec., Unit Res. 5th A.A. Bty.

3310, Gnr. D. O'M. Deane, from 1st Bty. to 2nd Bty.

4357, Gnr. A. Floriand, from 2nd Bty. to 1st Bty.

4352, Gnr. Ip Ping Kwong, from 3rd Bty. to Corps H.Q.

6. LEAVE

2658, Gnr. L. Landau, 1st Bty.
4382 Gnr. S. Stakland, 2nd Bty.
4239, Gnr. A. Ho 5th A.A. Bty.
DR251, Gnr. J. F. MacGregor, No. 3 Sec., 5th A.A. Bty.
3228, Sgt. J. G. Barley, Fd. Coy. Engrs.
4108 L/Cpl. V. Rumianzeff, Fd. Coy. Engrs.
3141, Sigmn. W. S. Gegg, Corps Sigs.
DR254, Sigmn. W. J. Richards, Corps Sigs. Res.
3174, Pte. H. J. A. Hearne, Mob. Coln.
4243 Pte. H. Kew, Mob. Coln. Res.
4283, Pte. P. J. Brown Mob. Coln.
4180, Pte. J. G. McKenna, Mob. Coln.
4408, Pte. W. Lowe, Mob. Coln.
3047, Cpl. M. A. Cairns, Mob. Coln.
DR129 Pte. K. G. McKenzie, Mob. Coln.
3838, Cpl. H. J. Cruttwell, No. 1 Coy.
3222, L/Cpl. P. Wynter-Blyth, No. 1 Coy.
Major, H. R. Forsyth, No. 2 Coy.
4678, Pte. P. P. F. Yong, No. 4 Coy.

7. STRENGTH-DECREASE

3505 L/Cpl. S. Monaghan, Fd. Coy. Engrs.
3878, Gnr. H. M. Howell, 2nd Bty.
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3156, Gnr. W. B. Rae-Smith, 2nd Bty. Res.
2668, Gnr. G. K. Chadwick, 2nd Bty. Res.
3054 Gnr. J. Kirwen, 2nd Bty. Res.
3523 Gnr. A. R. Kinross, 5th A.A. Bty.
3453, Gnr. P. Polson, 1st Bty Res.
3149, Pte. R. E. H. Nelson, Mob. Coln. Res.
1730, Pte. A. C. Young, No. 2 Coy. Res.
2214, Piper, M. S. Cumming, No. 2 Coy. Res.
4546, Gnr. Chan Mun Ngee, 3rd Bty.
3895, Gnr. C. F. Marshall, 5th A.A. Bty. Res.
4125, Pte. A. H. S. Skinn, No. 2 Coy.
3330, Gnr. N. Dessoulavy, 5th A. A. Bty. Res.

8. STRENGTH-INCREASE

4933, Pte. Foo Yeow Khoon, Fd. Amb. 10.4.41.

E. N. THURSBY,
Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE

Sergeants' Mess-Lawn Bowls

The Sergeants' Mess has accepted an invitation to play a lawn bowls match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, May 4th commencing at 3.30 p.m. All members interested are asked to reserve this date.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. A.R.P. LECTURE

Fri. 25th Apr. A.R.P. H.Q. Happy Valley. 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. Lecture. Transport from Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

2. RESPIRATORS

Respirators will be returned to Vol. H.Q. on Mon. 21st. between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Miss E. F. Donalson 15.4.41.

4. STRENGTH-DECREASE

Mrs. J. Fisher 19.4.41.

Sgd. I. M. S. BRAUDE,
Commandant,
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

BERLIN IS WORRIED BY R.A.F. RAIDS

WHILE BOMBARDMENT of Cherbourg by the Navy and the R.A.F. reduced the shipping there considerably, repeated attacks on Berlin by British bombers have badly shaken the population.

In Hanover Yugoslav workers have asked to go home because they cannot stand the incessant R.A.F. raids on war factories, state travellers returning to Turkey.

Berliners now accept raids as inevitable. They are dejected by Goering's repeated assurances that no foreign aircraft could penetrate the German defences.

The bombing of military objectives in the city itself is believed to have weakened the morale of those who accepted Goering's assurances without question.

Berliners have been greatly inconvenienced by the dislocation caused by the severe attacks on the enemy's main lines of communication.

The recent departure of high party officials for what they described as "holidays" in Upper Bavaria has not encouraged the less important citizens.

During the raids heavy damage was apparently done to the barracks and aerodromes at Donaueschgen, while from Constance there is news that the great Dornier works were heavily damaged.

Information has also been received in London which makes it clear that the Lonza Chemical Works at Waldshaut were so severely bombed that the attack resulted in at least a fifty per cent. fall in production.

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ENTERPRISING DISPLAY TAKES TSUI INTO FINAL

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H. D. Rumjahn's Great Effort To Win In Straight Sets

By "Adrem"

REVEALING NO WEAKNESS IN AN ENTERPRISING DISPLAY, TSUI YAN-PUI YESTERDAY ENTERED THE FINAL OF THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN HE BEAT VETERAN H. D. RUMJAHN 6-8, 6-4, 7-5 AND 6-4 ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

Rumjahn earned the sympathy of the crowd by his plucky display. Throughout three sets, he fought every point bitterly and only in the fourth set, although there were occasions when he pulled out spectacular recovery-shots, did he ever give the impression of having accepted defeat.

Feature of the match was the brilliant serving of the winner and I think that it was this factor as much as anything that brought about the final result. I cannot recall Tsui serving a single double-fault. It was a remarkable fact that in the fourth set, when he might have been expected to be tired, he was serving better than when he started and he aced the weary Rumjahn times without number.

As I have mentioned above, the service of Tsui governed the match. Throughout the first three sets, Rumjahn was right on his toes, so to speak. The I.R.C. player usually managed to win his own service games after some hard fighting but Tsui was able to attack on his and win these games with comparative ease.

Tsui's all-court play was delightful. There were occasions when he fell down on his ground strokes and others when he went in on the wrong ball and was passed easily but throughout he persisted with his forecourt attack and under this constant pressure, Rumjahn at last weakened.

Half-Volley Attack

Like his brother, Yan-pui also revealed an ability to attack on a half-volley return off shots that most players would have been content just to get back and this must have been very demoralising to his opponent.

Overhead Tsui was far more reliable than usual and it was noticeable that Rumjahn early on cut out the use of the lob except when absolutely forced to use it.

On Yan-pui's present form he should be even more effective at the doubles game, and if he and his brother strike similar form when they come up against their probable opponents in the final—the Rumjahn cousins—the best efforts of the latter are not likely to prevent the brothers regaining the crown wrested from them last year.

Rumjahn's Fine Drive

Rumjahn yesterday obviously gambled on winning in straight sets. In the second set, despite the intense heat, he went for everything in an effort to establish a two-set lead and thus force Tsui on the defensive.

Had he succeeded it is probable that the Chinese would have been forced to drop the initiative, and as Rumjahn matched him in the matter of ground strokes, it is conceivable that there would have been a different result.

Rumjahn's most profitable stroke was a sizzling sliced forehand cross-court drive—incidently the only stroke with which he actually won points outright. At best he varied his length skilfully and was always very safe off the ground. His service was accurate and I don't think he served more than one double, but it was not penetrating to a player like Tsui.

Rumjahn showed a remarkable lack of confidence in his volley and he missed many a fine chance through dropping back to take the ball off the ground.

The Play

The first set produced some rocking rallies with most points being won on merit and not errors. Tsui led 3—1 but Rumjahn overhauled him, was down 3—4, led 5—4, was against down 5—6 after a terrific struggle in which at least 10 deuces were called and eventually broke through to go out at the 14th game.

Rumjahn's Great Effort

Rumjahn tried hard to establish a lead in the second set. On his own service he won the first game and made a great effort to take the next but Tsui pulled the fat out of the fire. Games then went with service until 3-all had been called, when Tsui broke through to lead for the first time at 4—3. Nothing daunted Rumjahn returned the compliment and once again the men were level at 4 all. Tsui made no further mistake however, and, despite the fact that Rumjahn went for everything, he took the next two games for set.

Games were again governed by service in the third set. Leading 4—3, Rumjahn made a great effort to secure a 5—3 lead but Tsui's attack could not be broken down and the Chinese went out at 7—5.

In the final set it was apparent that Rumjahn had shot his bolt, and with Tsui playing some of his best shots of the afternoon, the latter took a lead of 4—2, eventually to win the set and the match at 6-4.

CLUB RESULT

In the Semi-Final of the Club Handicap Singles G. W. Sewell (—4/6) beat R. E. Guest (—15.1) 3—6, 6—4, 6—2.

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MACAO RACING

The following is the programme for Macao Jockey Club's next meeting which will be held on the Areia Preta, Macao, on Sunday, May 4, the first scheduled bet to ring at 2.30 p.m.

3 p.m. The Kwan Chap Handicap, First Section. A handicap for Hong Kong Jockey Club "E" Class China ponies. Six furlongs.

3.30 p.m. The Kwan Chap Handicap, Second Section.

4 p.m. The Kwan Chap Handicap, Third Section.

4.30 p.m. The Nam Wan Handicap. For Hong Kong Jockey Club "D" Class China ponies. Six furlongs.

5 p.m. The Chairman's Cup, a handicap. A forced entry for "Y" Class China ponies. One mile.

Note: Only one entry will be made for the Kwan Chan Handicap, races 1, 2 and 3, but entries will be divided into first, second and third sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

ONE CRICKET GAME TO-DAY

There will be only one match in Second Division of the Cricket League this afternoon, when Civil Service Cricket Club will play against Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo.

The following have been chosen to represent C.S.C.C.: — H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, V. C. Bono, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, R. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

K.C.C. RINKS TO MEET C.C.C.

K.C.C. rinks to meet Craigengower at Kowloon at 3.15 p.m. to-day are:

V. C. Labrum, L. Jack, R. B. Wellwood, E. C. Fincher.

A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington, T. A. Madar.

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A. H. Martin, R. T. Broadbridge, R. Leigh, A. Steven.

Reserves, H. Brokenshire, H. Langley.

LADIES HOCKEY

St. Andrew's Ladies will play a friendly hockey game against Hong Kong Ladies at King's Park this afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Annual Sports of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at the South China Athletic Association ground on Saturday, April 26, at 3.30 p.m. when His Excellency the Governor will be present. At 4.30 p.m. His Excellency will proceed to Happy Valley for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting.

PORTUGAL FAVOURED TO BEAT AMERICA

By "Grandstand"

THE INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL series takes on a faster tempo as the contest runs into the semi-finals this week. **The Portuguese contingent take on the Stars and Stripes at 12 noon, to spotlight to-morrow's three-game programme, whilst India, by virtue of their narrow victory over the Canadians last week, meet the Chinese at 10.45 a.m.**

Strengthened by the Collegian keystone pair, the Portuguese squad can look forward to their game through rose-coloured glasses. Hurler Gerry Gosano should be able to hold down the U.S. bruising batters, if he can give a repeat performance of his three-hit chucking against the British contingent last Sabbath, when even Dave Leonard, the Bambino himself, couldn't get the ball out of the infield. And don't think the vitriol-tongued barbers let him get away with it lightly either!

Rambling Rees' first string receiver, Charlie Figuereido, will be working behind the plate, whilst Nick Beltrao will guard the first sack with Tony "Peewee" Alves holding the far corner. Berto Gosano, Johnnie Fonseca and Caco Marques will be the gardening trio.

In spite of rookie Charlie Quinn's muff last week, when he dropped a sitter, his heavy stick-work should earn him a place in the team, and it is probable that he might be given a chance in the right patch.

U.S. Stock Drops

Comprising mostly of players from the Mohawks, the outlook of the United States team should be excellent, but stocks have dropped a lot since their crack-up last week, when they couldn't even buy a hit off the Joltin' Joeys, whilst another weak spot in the American team is found in their feeble pitching crew of Cy Jones, Doc Molthen and Johnson.

The first-named will probably draw the pitching assignment for this tilt, but unless the team put the brakes to the skids, the possibility of finding them winding up the series "on the outside looking in," does not seem so remote.

Apart from the members of the Mohawk Tribe who will make up the team, slugging centre-fielder, Willie Wilson, and Ski "Hit-or-miss" Powlawski of the Saints, will probably be included in the line-up. Umpires for this game will be Grandpa Leung, Nip Lum and Huckjai Kitchell.

Real Menace To Indians

Unless the Indians stage a comeback to their previous brilliant form, which they have been showing during the whole of the present pennant campaign, they will be faced with a real threat when they come up against the Chinese squad at 10.45 a.m.

Indian hurler Kassa Nazarin, who throws nothing but a ball, straight as a string, has been slowing up lately, and although he only allowed the weak Canadian contingent to jump on him for six blows, the number of base-hits would have been more, were it not for good fielding behind him.

Manager-first-sacker Markar Jr. will probably field the same line-up as last week, with "Tarzan" Ismail, Baby Abbas, Huckjai Kitchell and Sherry Bux in the infield, whilst Savage Hassan, the one-man-circus, Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain, and Cyclone Bakar will be the outfielders.

For this scuffle, Herbie Quon will toil on the slab for the Chinese, with Nip Lum receiving, whilst the infield, which could have a few gaps plugged up, will be taken care of by Ross Mark, Bill Chang, Wally Ching and Luke Bunn, Richard Chung, Hank "Showboat" Ali and Loney Loong will be patrolling the wide open spaces. Arbitrators selected for this game are Nick Beltrao, Chuck Waggoner and Charlie Figuereido.

TO-MORROW'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

All games at the Kowloon Football Club ground:

LADIES INTERNATIONAL SERIES

China v Great Britain
(9.30 a.m.)
("Doc" Molthen, Kassa Nazarin and Caco Marques.)

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES

China v India
(10.45 a.m.)
(Nick Beltrao, Chuck Waggoner and Chas. Figuereido.)

Portugal v U. S. A.
(12.00 noon.)
("Grandpa" Leung, Nip Lum and Huckjai Kitchell.)

Ladies' Games

The Women's series commence to-morrow at 9.30 a.m. when China tangle with Great Britain to gain the right to be in the finals next week, when the victors will meet the Portuguese contingent, who having drawn a "bye", will not be seen in action till next week.

Dolly Brown's Debut

Although fork-handed hurler Dolly Brown saw mound duty in Shanghai last winter, she will be making her initial slab appearance on these shores to-morrow, when she will toe the rubber for the British team, with Wahoo left-gardener Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle hindsnatching.

Dave Walker who is in charge of the contingent has been putting the team through the paces during the last few weeks, and has at last moulded his collection of ball players into something resembling a team. Yvonne Yolle will be holding first, Kitty Bush and Betty Fitzgerald guarding the keystone, whilst Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson has been assigned to the hot-corner. Outfielders will be selected from Colette "Coco" Yolle, June Hall and the Jorge twins, Pat and Gerry.

"Doc" Molthen, Kassa Nazarin and Caco Marques have been appointed to umpire this tilt.

GOVERNOR'S CUP SOCCER FINAL THIS AFTERNOON

Association Forced To Make Several Changes

UNOFFICAL START OF BOWLS SEASON

THE LAWN BOWLS SEASON will be opened unofficially this afternoon when in addition to the annual game between Recreio and Bowling Green Club, for the "Sam White" trophy, Kowloon Cricket Club will be at home to Craigengower in a six-rink game at Cox's Road.

Participants in the "Sam White" trophy game are asked to note the venue and time (2.30 p.m.) for their matches, and also the fact that should rain render play impossible to-day the matches will be played on Sunday at the same time and places as announced.

At Recreio

W. H. Organ, R. C. Hamilton, R. Morrison and J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.) v. A. Osmund, M. F. Pinna, E. M. Remedios and F. X. Silva (Recreio).

A. Morton, F. C. Clerico, G. E. Thompson and D. Waterton (K.B.G.C.) v. H. R. Pinna, B. Alves, A. Rodrigues and B. Bacto (Recreio).

A. J. Rogers, C. E. Langley, L. Jordan and A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.) v. F. J. Marques, M. A. Carvalho, J. C. Remedios and F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio).

F. G. Deacon, C. A. Pereira, L. Sykes and J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C.) v. D. C. Alves, C. A. Cunha, L. J. Silva and C. R. Pereira (Recreio).

E. Beard, P. H. Holloway, E. Atkins and A. Hyde-Lay (K.B.G.C.) v. F. Sequerra, P. Yvanovich, C. A. Lopes and H. A. Alves (Recreio).

J. A. Fraser, W. E. Hodder, P. A. Peckham and L. Guy (K.B.G.C.) v. F. A. Machado, C. M. Alves, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (Recreio).

At Kowloon B.G.C.

W. M. Wilson, L. A. Payne, C. E. Turpin and W. McNeill (K.B.G.C.) v. E. L. Barros, L. Gutierrez, C. E. Marques and E. de Souza (Recreio).

M. Ferguson, H. F. Shields, H. Drew and J. C. Gill (K.B.G.C.) v. A. F. Noronha, G. A. Pinna, C. M. Silva and F. Soares (Recreio).

H. Bicknell, Sir Atholl Mac Gregor, W. L. Walker and R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.) v. J. A. Remedios, J. O. Remedios, A. P. Gutierrez and R. F. Luz (Recreio).

W. Elphick, J. Hurst, J. E. Henson and G. Sheriff (K.B.G.C.) v. C. Vas, M. Mendonca, C. H. Bacto and J. F. Ribeiro (Recreio).

S. C. Walker, L. A. R. Duncan, T. Coleman and S. Randle (K.B.G.C.) v. F. A. Xavier, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e J. A. Luz and J. E. Noronha (Recreio).

V. C. Dixon, W. Tomlin, J. S. Dinnen and H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.) v. F. X. Monteiro, J. D. Remedios, M. Alarcon and C. G. Silva (Recreio).

R. P. Phillips, C. W. Jeffreys, E. V. Searle and A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) v. P. M. N. Silva, A. M. Xavier, L. F. Xavier and J. J. Basto (Recreio).

Craigengower Rinks

Following are the C. C. C. selections for to-day. J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Cortes and B. W. Bradbury (Skip); L. M. Roza, J. Pau, K. M. Omar, and U. M. Omar (Skip); Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt, and C. S. Rosselet (Skip); W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd and T. Lock (Skip). J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, N. P. Karanjia, and M. J. Medina (Skip); S. R. Solma, C. W. Lam, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).

POWERFUL H.K. SIDE FOR MACAO

A party of 20 footballers, who figured prominently in the football season just concluding, leave for Macao to-morrow morning for the Annual Interport game.

The team is one of the strongest ever sent out of the Colony for an Interport contest.

BIG ATHLETIC MEETING

The annual All-Hong Kong Schools' and Open Colony athletic sports meeting, sponsored by South China Athletic Association, will be held at the Caroline Hill Stadium for three successive days, starting on Sunday, May 9.

There are 82 events on the programme, which include many open events for both sexes.

The proceeds of the meeting will go to the War Relief Fund.

Following is the official programme for the meeting.

Events open to all schools in the Colony:

Boys' Senior Events: 100 Metres High Hurdles, 400 Metres Low Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, 10,000 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Boys' Junior Events: -80 Metres Hurdles, 100, 200 and 400 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (12 pounds), 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,500 Metres.

Small Boys' Events:—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Putt, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Senior:—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Junior:—50 Metres, 110 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (6 pounds), Throwing the Baseball and Discus, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Open Events for the Colony:—

Men's Events:—110 Metres Hurdles, 400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Ladies' Events:—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put (8 pounds), Discus, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball and 400 Metres.

Entries will close on April 24.

STRENGTHENED CHINESE TEAM ARE FAVOURITES

A CAPACITY CROWD is expected at the Club ground to-day when the last official soccer game of the season, the Final of the Governor's Cup Competition, will be played at 4 p.m. between teams representing Hong Kong Football Association and Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

With all the Chinese teams still in Hong Kong, Federation have been able to choose a very strong side and are in consequence favourites this afternoon.

Association will be without the services of Bright and Freshwater and their places will be taken by Pope, of Police, and Hazard, of Navy. It is also doubtful whether Roughley will be available following his injury in the Shield Final last week, in which case Blackburn will fill his position.

Only four of the Chinese team which was defeated in the last game are included in this afternoon's line-up. Chan Tak-fai, who was injured in the last game, will be seen at inside-right where he will be partnered by C. T. Tsao. Hyun Man-fu, Eastern's centre-forward, will be seen at inside-left with Hau Ching-to.

Chinese intermediate line has been strengthened by the inclusion of Soong Lang-sing and Lau Hing-choy while Tsang Chung-wan returns at full-back.

Association won the last game by 4 goals to 2 but the Chinese were without the services of Chan Tak-fai for a considerable time.

Hazard should again be equal to the task of watching Lee Wai-tong, but both the Chinese wingers will also require attention.

H.K.C.A.A.F.:—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Lau Hing-choy (South China), Hsu King-sang (Eastern) and Soong Lang-sing (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.), V. K. Hyun (Eastern) and Hau Ching-tao (Eastern).

Reserves: — Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Lau Chi-chan (Eastern), Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao), Yeung Shui-yiek (Sing Tao), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern), Chuck Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chau Man-chi (South China), Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah) and Yau Wah-hing (Kit Chee).

Manager:—Sze Po-wai and Lam Chung-ho.

H.K.F.A.:—Bankier (R. Scots); Blackburn (Police) and Fraser (R. Scots); Pope (Police), Hazard (Navy) and Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), LePage (Navy), Howlett (Police), Ferrier (Police) and Relertsen (Club).

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TWO NAZI DIVISIONS KNOCKED OUT

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COMMUNAL RIOTING IN INDIA

Five were killed and 60 injured in a communal riot between Hindus and Moslems at Ahmadabad yesterday.

There was some looting and incendiarism and Indian troops were called out as a precaution.—Reuter.

REPORTING TO BERLIN

THE WILHELMSTRASSE SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY THAT COUNT VON DER SCHULENBERG, GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET RUSSIA, IS AT PRESENT IN BERLIN.

"He is expected to make a report," the spokesman added.

Schulenberg left Moscow, it is understood, shortly after the Soviet Government had denounced Hungary's invasion of Yugoslavia last week.—Reuter.

THE WAR DERBY

According to present arrangements, a war substitute for the Epsom Derby, probably the most famous horse-racing event in the world, will be held at Newbury on Saturday, June 7.—Reuter.

Not One Dent In The British Line

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BRITISH AND GREEK DEFENDERS WERE DECLARED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY TO BE REPULSING REPEATED GERMAN ASSAULTS AGAINST THE EASTERN FLANK AND CENTRE OF THE BATTLE LINE IN NORTHERN GREECE.

It has been confirmed that the Nazis suffered tens of thousands of casualties, including the equivalent of two divisions knocked out of action in one sector alone.

At the western wing of the 150-mile front in Albania, however, the Greeks have withdrawn, abandoning two key towns to the Italians who have also suffered heavy losses in men and material.

Reports from the British sector also hinted at a possible strategic withdrawal towards stronger positions.

While the British checked the enemy at Mount Olympus, Nazi advances on the left flank and south of Monastir Gap may entail rectifications of the main battle line.

WAVES OF GERMAN INFANTRY TRYING TO BREACH THE OLYMPUS LINE WERE HURLED BACK IN STAGGERING DEFEAT. NOT A SINGLE DENT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE BRITISH FRONT.

Attacks Thrown Back

As the Italo-German offensive proceeded, Athens learned that extremely violent air-supported German attacks against Katerina, strategic town 25 miles north of Mount Olympus, had been thrown back.

The Germans came on in three main columns, one aimed at Katerina, the second at Larissa and the third at the railhead at Kalabaka.

Athens radio has broadcast an appeal for public calm and declared that the Allied right wing, stretching from Katerina to Servia, "is holding well against powerful German attacks.

"Fierce battles are occurring everywhere, and the enemy, despite his superior forces, has received heavy blows.

"The German air force is very active but has suffered great losses."—International News Service.

BELFAST'S "INHUMAN ORDEAL"

The people of Belfast have been subjected to a cruel and inhuman ordeal by an enemy who has carried barbarity to the utmost limits, said Mr. Andrews, North of Ireland Premier, in a tribute yesterday to the quiet heroism, splendid fortitude and unbreakable spirit of the people of the devastated areas.

Appealing to the population to work together whole-heartedly and restore the city's normal life as far as possible, he referred to victims in areas outside Belfast.

"We all suffer with one another. We are one in heart and purpose, united against a brutal foe. We will see this thing through to the end so that we may rejoice together in the day of victory."—Reuter.

AMERICAN TROOPS FOR BERMUDA

The first contingent of American troops has left for Bermuda to form part of the new garrison there, according to an announcement by the War Department in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

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Dr Koritsis, the Greek Premier, whose death was announced in Athens last night, died suddenly in the afternoon. Appointment of a new Premier is expected to be announced very shortly.—Reuter.

An Order published in the "Gazette" announces the following additions to protected places under the Defence Regulations.

The whole land area to the north and north-eastward of the path leading from Tytam Gap to Pottinger Gap and on to Big Wave Bay and bounded on the north by Sai Wan Cemetery and the coastline from Sai Wan to Cape Collinson but excluding the villages of Sai Wan and Little Sai Wan, on the east by the coastline from Cape Collinson to the north-eastern arm of Big Wave Bay, and on the west and north-west by Island Road.

The land area comprising the whole of D'Aguilar Peninsula south of a line running east and west through the road junction at Windy Gap.

That part of Chung Am Kok Peninsula bounded on the west by West Bay, on the north by the ridge between South Bay and West Bay, on the east by a line running 100 yards to the east of the military road prolonged at its easternmost point to Stanley Bay, and on the south by the sea.

The whole of Brick Hill Peninsula including the whole of the military road and bounded on the north by Island Road and the military road prolonged at its westernmost point to the sea, on the west and south by Aberdeen Channel, and on the east by Deep Water Bay.

That portion of the Deep Water Bay motor road near Little Hong Kong north-east of Shouson Hill running approximately north-east and south-west and lying between two notice boards marked "Protected Place"; and all the land within fifty yards on either side of that portion of the road.

New maximum prices at which firewood may be sold, have been announced as follows:—

Wholesale.

Sandakan, billets or logs without bark, 10 catties and more in weight 53 catties per $1.00.

Sandakan, billets or logs with bark, 10 catties and more in weight 60 catties per $1.00.

Penang, billets or logs with bark 15 catties and more in weight 58 catties per $1.00.

Singapore, billets or logs under 15 catties in weight—53 catties per $1.00.

Kuala Lumpur, billets or logs with bark 15 catties and more in weight—60 catties per $1.00.

Miscellaneous, importations not specified above—53 catties per $1.00.

Retail.

Split firewood—45 catties per $1.00.

The four Chungking Government banks in Shanghai which suspended business on Thursday are reopening on Thursday morning, according to the "China Press" quoting informed banking sources.

Meanwhile responsible officials of the four banks are reported to be continuing conferences with the police authorities to obtain better protection against terroristic activities for their employees.

In a statement to the foreign press, Chow Fu-hai, Finance Minister of the Nanking regime, denied any intention to compel the four Chungking banks in Shanghai to evacuate, stating he regarded the fa-pi as "the property of the people and never planned to do anything detrimental or destructive."—Reuter.

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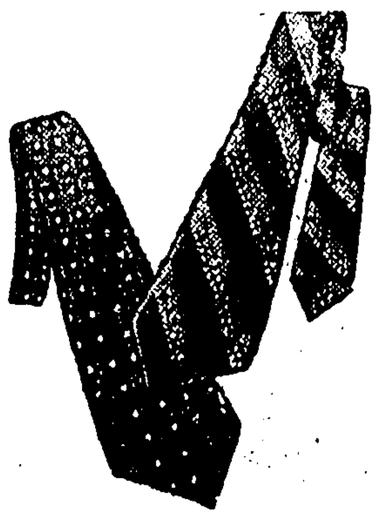

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